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Habib, Gemayel view withdrawal

BEIRUT, March 22 (AP) — U.S. special envoy to the Middle East Philip Habib met with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Tuesday to discuss the progress of negotiations on withdrawal of foreign forces from the country.
U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon and Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem also attended the meeting. No details were immediately available.
Knowledgeable sources said earlier Habib had presented a conditional and unofficial agreement from Israel to drop its demand to keep a small force in Lebanon after it withdraws its invasion troops.
The other main problem in the talks has been Israel's insistence that the Israeli-Lebanese border should be open to trade and travel.
The United States and Lebanon have suggested that discussion of this should be put off until after foreign forces have withdrawn. Israel has not rejected the idea of hand but wants the border to be open until the new talks start.
Begin suffers election rebuff
TEL AVIV, March 22 (R) — Israeli Parliament Tuesday chose opposition candidate Haim Herzog as the country's next president, delivering a humiliating rebuff to Prime Minister Menachem Begin.
Herzog defeated government candidate Supreme Court Judge Menachem Elon by 61 votes to 57 in a secret ballot. Five members of Begin's coalition voted for Herzog and two abstained. Government supporters described the vote as a personal humiliation for the prime minister.
Begin sat in shocked silence after the result was announced. He later told aides he was disappointed that his coalition partners had defected.
Opposition parliamentarians hailed it as a victory for democracy.

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Israeli settlements hinder peace bid -- EEC

BRUSSELS, March 22 (AP) — Government leaders of the 10 European Community nations said Tuesday Israeli settlements on the West Bank are "a growing and major obstacle" to peace in the Mideast.
They added they were "deeply disturbed" by the continued lack of progress toward a peace settlement. They called on Israel and Arab states to remove all foreign troops from Lebanon and resume comprehensive peace negotiations.
In a statement at the end of a two-day meeting here, the EC leaders mentioned Israel by name. "Time has come for Israel to show that it stands ready for genuine negotiations...in the first place by refraining from enlarging existing settlements or creating new ones," the statement said.
It repeated the EC's position, agreed on at a 1980 summit meeting in Venice, that the Palestinian people, including the Palestine Liberation Organization must be "associated" with any Mideast peace plan. But in the latest statement, the European leaders were more critical of Israel's settlements policy than three years ago.
The West Bank settlements "are contrary to international law and a major and growing obstacle to peace efforts," the statement added. In the Venice declaration the settlements were only "termed serious obstacle to peace" and "illegal under international law."
About 25,000 Jews have settled in some 100 communities in the West Bank. Israel radio reported Monday the government planned to turn eight military outposts in the area into civilian settlements. One of these will be located on a hill above Nablus, the largest Arab town in the West Bank.
The EC leaders said they endorsed the U.N. multinational peacekeeping force and called for a "prompt withdrawal" of Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces from Lebanon.
They also said in their statement that the continuing Iran-Iraq war "constitutes an ever more serious threat to the security and stability" of the entire Middle East.
The EC leaders called "indispensable" the U.S. efforts to bring about a peace involving the Palestinian people.
The statement also said a genuine dialogue between the United States and the community over the trading of agricultural products could be maintained only on the basis of mutual respect of agreements already concluded. This was a direct reference to a previous undertaking by Washington that it would accept the community's common agricultural policy, a pillar of the 25-year-old European Common Market but a target of increasing attack in Washington as an indirect way of subsidizing farm exports.
The dispute was recently aggravated by the sale of one million tons of heavily subsidized flour from the U.S. to Egypt.

Bonn - Paris ties tense despite EMS agreement

BRUSSELS, March 22 (R) — A European Community summit ended Tuesday with relations between France and West Germany still tense despite Monday's agreement on a currency realignment.
President Francois Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl discussed the problem of growing disparities between their two economies at a breakfast meeting.
Kohl told reporters later that West Germany had made a significant sacrifice for the sake of European solidarity by accepting a revaluation of the mark by 5.5 percent.
Asked what France, which finally accepted a smaller 2.5 percent devaluation of the franc, had offered in return, the chancellor said "we agreed this morning to hold the appropriate talks between cabinet colleagues on this."
He was apparently referring to West German demands that France now take tough measures to control its budget deficit, without which Bonn fears the next currency realignments only a question of time.
West German officials said Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg made a secret visit to the Elysee Palace last week to discuss "accompanying measures" for the realignment within the European Monetary System (EMS).
The currency row reached a climax at the weekend with French Finance Minister Jacques Delors calling the Germans arrogant and uncompromising and threatening to pull France out of the EMS.
Asked about the state of Franco-German relations after the row, Kohl said the historic friendship between Paris and Bonn had gone through stormy periods in the last 20 years and it was important that, in the last resort, the decision had always fallen in favor of Europe.
The French president left the summit without holding his traditional final news conference.

Mauroy quits; asked to form new cabinet

PARIS, March 22 (R) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy Tuesday submitted his government's resignation to President Francois Mitterrand and was immediately asked to form a new cabinet, a presidential spokesman announced.
The announcement came after nine days of mounting speculation on the future of the 54-year-old Mauroy who has headed the government since Mitterrand was elected to the presidency in May 1981.
The announcement was read to reporters on the steps of the Elysee Palace by press spokesman Michel Vauzelle soon after Mauroy had left following a 40-minute meeting with the president, his second of the day.
Vauzelle gave no indication of the new cabinet lineup, but persistent reports from political sources over the past week have said Mitterrand wanted a tightened government team to conduct a tough economic policy.
The decision to reappoint Mauroy, who enjoys considerable public popularity but has been under fire for his conduct of economic policy, came as a surprise to many political analysts in Paris.
The prime minister said last month he did not want to preside over the third devaluation of the franc since his Socialist Party came to power two years ago, but Monday the French currency was effectively devalued by 8 percent against the West German mark.
Finance Minister Jacques Delors, who over the weekend led France's successful battle to avoid an outright devaluation of the franc within the European Monetary System had been widely tipped to succeed Mauroy.

12 Mauritian aides quit

PORT LOUIS, March 22 (AFP) — Twelve members of the Mauritian government, including Finance Minister and ruling party chief Paul Berenger have resigned.
It was the second time Berenger had resigned from the 18-member left-wing coalition of his own Mauritian Militant Movement (MMM) and the Socialist Party since the left took all the seats in parliament in the June 1982 general elections.
The government crisis caused by Berenger's first resignation last June was settled after a week of talks between the two coalition partners.

Soviet troops launch massive offensive

ISLAMABAD, March 22 (Agencies) — Soviet-Afghan troops backed by local militia have launched one of their biggest offensives in northern Balkh province while a search and destroy operation was underway in Kandahar, the second largest city in Afghanistan, Afghan resistance sources said.
Some 10,000 troops backed by about 500 tanks, trucks and armored personnel carriers are targeted on Marmul, south of the Balkh provincial capital of Mazar-e-Sharif, which is considered the resistance's closest stronghold to the Soviet-Afghan border, they said.
The attack began in the middle of this month, the sources said. Marmul is the resistance headquarters in Mazar-e-Sharif, which is controlled by the legendary resistance leader Zahir Ullah. He recently hit the headlines.

Amnesty to expose political killings

LONDON, March 22 (SP) — Amnesty International has said it had detailed evidence of illegal political killings by government forces or officially sanctioned death squads in more than 20 countries since 1980.
Launching a worldwide campaign to expose such killings and mobilize public opinion to stop them, the movement pointed to blatant examples from countries as far apart as the Philippines, Syria, and El Salvador.
But these were only examples, an Amnesty International representative stressed. "Political killings in which governments must be held accountable are reported from most regions of the world," he said. They ranged from massacres of villagers in Guatemala to assassination of targeted Libyans living in other countries.
In a new 131-page report, "Political killings by governments, published to start the campaign, Amnesty International said: "Hundreds of thousands of people in the past ten years have been killed by the political authorities in their countries."
In all these cases, the victims were denied any protection from the law and were killed because of their real or suspected beliefs or activities, or their origins. The report refers to the slaughter of uncaptured thousands in Uganda and Kampuchea in the 1970s and to more recent patterns of liquidation, assassination and attempted official cover-ups in other countries.
Establishing responsibility for political killings often posed a difficult challenge for the international community, as in India, where the government consistently failed to investigate police killings of suspected opposition activists, or in Lebanon under Israeli occupation, where refugees were massacred at the Sabra and Shatila camps in 1982.

EMS accord restores calm on markets

PARIS, March 22 (Agencies) — Money markets around the world calmed Tuesday, as traders greeted Monday's realignment of the European Monetary System by buying higher-priced dollars and reconstituting franc holdings in French francs.
In morning trading, the West German mark suffered from this trend, staying at its new floors rate within the EMS of 2.9985 French francs in Paris and Frankfurt. In London, it dropped briefly below that rate, to 2.9973.
In Frankfurt, funds flowed back into the West German mark Tuesday as investors gave a cautious welcome to EMS realignment.
But dealers in all major European currency centers said the system's future stability would depend on whether the French government could produce a convincing package of austerity measures Wednesday to cut the country's budget deficit and control inflation.
West German stock prices soared by up to nine marks (\$3.75) and the 100-share index of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ) rose 6.40 to an all time high of 291.45.
At the same time, the mark strengthened on foreign exchanges, pushing the dollar down 1 1/2 pennings from the opening to 2.4014 marks at the official fix. Dealers said Monday's upward revaluation of the mark against all its partners in the EMS would give the currency renewed room to move higher with an economic recovery in West Germany.
Gains in securities had been limited as the mark's strength in recent weeks forced European central banks to sell large amounts of the West German currency in order to hold it within its fixed trading ranges against weaker EMS partners in the eight-currency float.

Abdullah exudes confidence Kingdom can absorb oil cut

JEDDAH, March 22 — Oil price reductions could result in the postponement of some of the projects budgeted in the Third Five-Year Development Plan, but according to Crown Prince Abdullah, the Kingdom's vast financial reserves are capable of absorbing most of the impact of OPEC's decision to cut prices by \$5 a barrel. He said that if necessary, Saudi Arabia could live with an oil production level of one million barrels a day, one-tenth of the record daily output figure.
In a wide-ranging interview with *Al-Jazirah* and *Al-Siyasa* of Kuwait, the crown prince indicated that the Kingdom will continue to play an important role in Pan-Arab and Pan-Islamic issues and will continue to strive for a solution to end the Iraq-Iran war and the dispute between Iraq and Syria.
"Saudi diplomacy," the crown prince said, "has been able to do a lot for the Arab world." He said the Kingdom will honor relations with any country which deals with it on an equal basis.
Commenting on the price reduction, Abdullah indicated that Saudi Arabia has national and international commitments and in view of the drop in revenue, the Kingdom will naturally reduce its national commitments, "but not in a big way." He added that the Kingdom has completed most of its social service projects. "If we stop some of our projects and national and international commitments we can live with a limited production of crude oil."
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from its current \$30.50 level. OPEC oil ministers agreed to cut their prices at talks in London last week, but oil experts believe the new price structures remain extremely vulnerable due to the glutted market.
Commenting on the role of the Kingdom on a Pan-Arab level, the crown prince said that the Kingdom supports Iraq's efforts to end the war but that Iran was unable to see the values of Iraq's leadership.
He said the Iraq-Iran war seems to continue and nothing short of a miracle will stop it. He pointed out that there is strong popular support in Iraq for President Saddam Hussein and his military front with the people well equipped and prepared to die in defense of their country.
He was optimistic about the mediation now taking place between Iraq and Syria. "When the Kingdom decided to mediate between these two countries I sought the causes of differences and found myself engulfed in party disputes," he said. "Saudi Arabia is now working on something important which cannot be revealed, but which will have a good impact on the Arab world."
He went on to say that Saudi Arabian mediation has not ceased, "and just as we succeeded in many cases, my mission between Syria and Iraq has not failed."
"The superpowers will give nothing to outmatch the benefits they draw from us," the crown prince said. "The treaties of friendship and cooperation that the Soviets have with some Arab countries have given these countries nothing, even in the event of (Israeli) aggression."
He said the superpowers have their own "calculations and we have ours which stem primarily from our national independence."
Responding to a question about U.S. Middle East policy, he said, "I have always insisted that whoever wants to deal with my country on an equalitarian basis will be respected. Relations with the United States or any other power should be based on mutual interests."
Asked about the advisability of exchanging diplomatic relations between the Kingdom and the Soviet Union, the crown prince commented, "I am for (establishing) relations with the Soviet Union because it is a superpower, but this should be done only at a suitable time. We believe it is necessary to think about that."
In any relationship, the prince said, "no one is doing me a favor for my own sake and interests normally take two ways. I am convinced that the world was created to cooperate but such cooperation should be commensurate."
He said that it was wrong to assume that the downfall of any of the leaders of the two warring countries would put an end to the war, which began in September, 1980.
"It is unlikely that Iran will send its forces into Baghdad

Throws light on local issues

JEDDAH, March 22 — A number of domestic questions of concern to the Saudi Arabian community were discussed by Crown Prince Abdullah during an interview with *Al-Jazirah* and the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Siyasa*.
"There are foreign forces tampering with this world," the crown prince said, "but all efforts have failed to adversely affect the Saudi Arabian national front, our society is different from others."
He explained that the Kingdom's society is proud of its beliefs and even those few who have drifted away in certain political currents find themselves again bound by the solidarity of their creed.
"The society here is concerned with many things, most important of which is the fact that this country is responsible for maintaining the holy places," he said. "Many forces have tried to export to us their political trends of both extremist and moderate shades, that can be found in abundance in the Arab sphere, but they found out that this is unacceptable to the Kingdom's society."
"Through religious extremes they tried to enter into a war of creeds with us," he said. "Accordingly the Holy Mosque issue had a religious color, but in fact it had other aims from which the perpetrators themselves may not benefit, but may be useful to those who want to undermine our national security."
"The attempt failed because the creed here, in our view, is so pure that it cannot be exploited."
In answer to a question on reports about uncovering a military organization recently that led to some arrests, the crown prince said that the last attempt witnessed by the King

EMS accord restores calm on markets

Meanwhile, the British press Tuesday agreed that the French had come best out of Monday's realignment of parties within EMS.
The *Financial Times* put on its front page the headline: "French see (Finance Minister Jacques) Delors as the hero." It commented that "the European Monetary System has merged from the most inglorious episode in its brief history," but added that the agreement, while unsatisfactory in detail, was more realistic than might have been expected.
The franc-mark parity should be sustainable for the next few months, the *Financial Times* added.
The *London Times* referred to the accord as a great relief, noting that it was "broadly in line with what the markets expected and with the main differences in inflation rates and trade prospects."
The *Daily Telegraph* sided with President Mitterrand's "pro-ligacy," saying the EMS had "put pressure on the French to pursue responsible policies." Despite the realignment, it added, "the long-term future of the EMS has yet to be secured."
According to a senior Dutch official who attended the currency talks, West Germany agreed to a larger than necessary revaluation of its currency Monday to encourage economic policy changes in France.
Pieter Korteweg, Dutch treasurer general, told Reuters in an interview that there was no economic justification for the 8 percent parity change between the French franc and German mark.
A 6 percent total change should have been sufficient, with mark being revalued by only 3.5 percent, the same amount at the Dutch guilder, he said.

By seven -member Arab committee

Cabinet satisfied with talks in Britain

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — The cabinet has expressed satisfaction with the talks the seven-member committee stemming from the Fez Arab summit had in London recently with British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Francis Pym. The committee, led by King Hussein of Jordan, was visiting Britain on the last leg of a tour of permanent member countries of the United Nations Security Council.

The cabinet, meeting Monday under Crown Prince Abdullah, the first deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, said it also appreciated the declaration made by Britain after the visit saying that it was determined to work for a just and comprehensive peace settlement in the area based on the Venice Declaration.

The cabinet was briefed in detail on the visit by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. The Arab delegation also included the foreign ministers of Morocco, Jordan, Algeria, Syria and Tunisia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Cabinet spokesman Dr. Muhammad Abdo

Yamani, the information minister, said that in the light of a report by Higher Education Minister Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the cabinet decided that more attention should be paid to the education of the wives of scholarship students abroad. He added that the students' wives should be encouraged to complete their education.

The cabinet also examined a proposal by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, the minister of posts, telegraph and telephones, to renew the agreement concerning the second phase (1977-1982) of the Telecommunications Institute project within the framework of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The action plans aim at developing the two existing institutes in Riyadh and Jeddah and ensuring the training of qualified national cadres on the management and operation of development projects. Their purpose is also to provide the required technical manpower for the general communications network under the plan.

Dr. Kayyal pointed out that the third plan called for the establishment of a third insti-

tute in Dammam and three secondary ones in various areas. The cabinet agreed to renew the agreement in accordance with the action plan for the second phase of the Telecommunications and Radio Training Institute project. It also adopted the third plan of action covering the period from 1983 to 1988. Dr. Kayyal was empowered to sign the agreement with the International Telecommunications Union.

The cabinet approved a proposal by Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the minister of industry and electricity and acting health minister, to appoint Dr. Jamil Abdullah Al-Jasbi as health undersecretary for planning and development. The appointment follows King Fahd's approval of the decision of the Higher Administrative Reform Committee to reorganize the Health Ministry in the light of the royal instructions to see to it that every Saudi Arabian, wherever he may be in the Kingdom, should obtain decent services.

Satellite launching expected in mid-1984

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — The Arab Satellite Organization (ASO) member states are building their own ground stations, ASO Director General Dr. Ali Al-Masbat has said here.

He noted that the Arab satellite was expected to be launched by the second half of 1984 and that work on a considerable part of the project had been completed.

The satellite's main control station contract was awarded to the Japanese Nippon Electric Company, he added.

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Bilateral ties viewed

SANAA (SPA) — The Kingdom's ambassador to North Yemen, Tarrad Al-Harithi, Tuesday reviewed with Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani a number of issues dealing with bilateral relations. Meanwhile, the Kingdom's ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has conferred with UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah on bilateral relations, current Arab developments and issues of mutual interest.

Kidney therapy

RIYADH (SPA) — Patients transferred from government hospitals with kidney failure will be treated at King Faisal Specialist Hospital at the expense of the state in line with a royal approval, acting Health Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi was quoted here as saying. In a statement to SPA, Algosabi said the kidney therapy and transplantation would be done at the hospital free of charge.

Joint television program

RIYADH (SPA) — Gulf Television is cur-

rently preparing its first ever 45-minute joint television program expected to be televised throughout the Gulf region. The program is being prepared jointly by the television units of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Oman. The program will concentrate on the cultural, economic, educational and social aspects of the Gulf states.

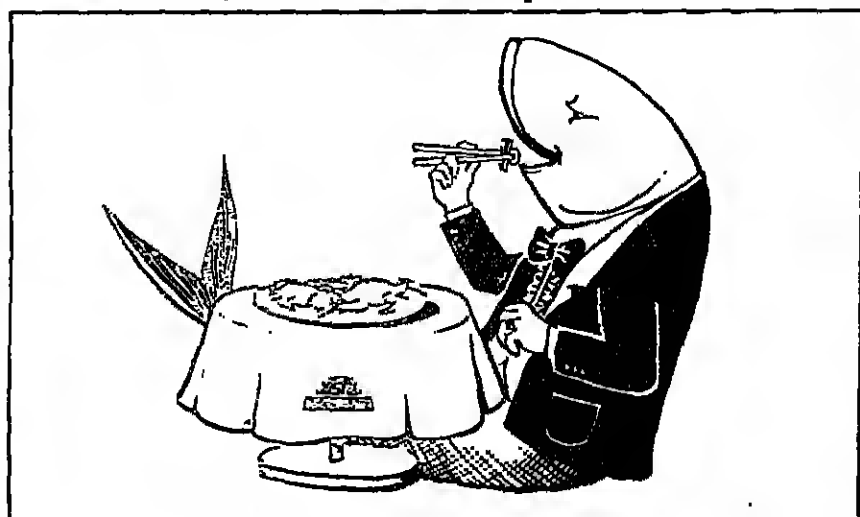
Town symposium

RIYADH (SPA) — King Saud University Rector Dr. Mansour Al-Turki has formally inaugurated a three-day symposium on "Saudi Towns." In an opening speech, Dr. Turki stressed the importance of the symposium and expressed hope that it would help in benefiting town dwellers.

Mansouri meets U.N. aide

RIYADH (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri Tuesday discussed with Adnan Al-Saghir, U.N. resident representative to Saudi Arabia, the existing cooperation program between the ministry and the U.N. Development Program.

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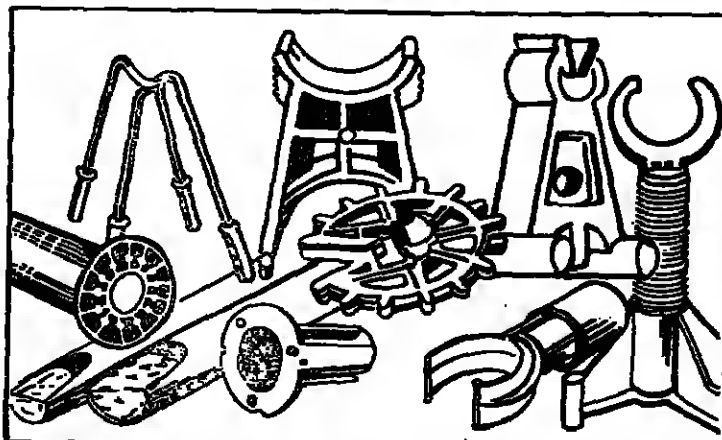
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PAINTING SHOW: A children's painting exhibition has been opened at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery in Jeddah. Some 185 children are participating in the four-day show. Seen here is a painting by Ahmad Sharbatly.

185 children participate in painting show

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 22 — A total of 185 children aged between 6 and 14 years are participating in the second children's painting exhibition which opened at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery here Monday.

Displayed in the four-day exhibition are paintings of mother and child, animals, birds, fish, nature and other subjects done mainly in water color and oil.

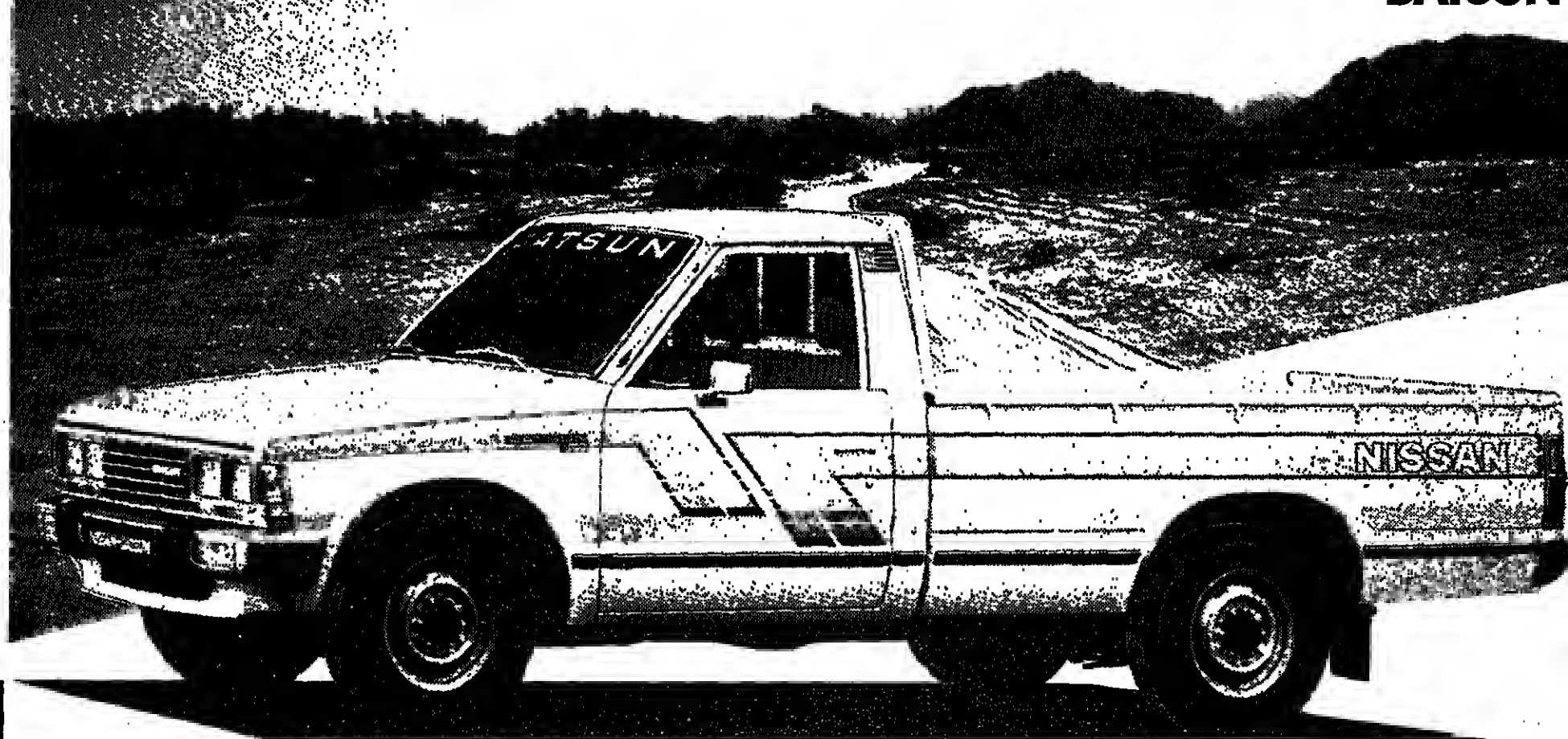
Nineteen children of different ages have been awarded prizes for their works. The recipients are Salman Salamah, Chibey Miyazawa, Basma Fouda, Ashraf Hafiz, Sarah Sahil and Shadi Sabar in the 6-8 age group, Muhammad Farasi Al-Nashi, Donald Zumi Sakuma, Aiyad Pokas, Sadiq Maghwool, and Amani Jamjoom in the 9-11 group, and Marwan Al-Dahia, Elham Basalamah, Muhammad Salem Jaber, Ahmad Sharbatly, Hannan Al-Khiarey, and Sameer Zaki in the 12-14 age group.

While awarding prizes, Ibrahim Otaym, deputy manager of the Youth Society in the Western Province, said the society will organize a big exhibition of children's paintings in two months.

Gallery officer Hisham Ayesh said because of limited space only one painting was accepted from each child and prizes have been awarded to encourage them.

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Indian coffee exporters try to regain Gulf market

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff
JEDDAH, March 22 — Indian coffee exporters, with the help of sales promotional IDB gives loans to Bangladesh

DHAKA, March 22 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has decided to provide more loans to Bangladesh which has already received \$314.97 million from the bank. Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali, the IDB president, said here. Dr. Ali arrived here earlier Monday from Jeddah for a three-day visit to Bangladesh.

Khuwaiter in Muscat for GCC's gathering

MUSCAT, March 22 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter has arrived here to attend the seventh education ministers conference of the GCC member states which started here Monday.

Bahraini Education Minister Dr. Ali Fakih and Qatari Education Minister Sheikh Muhammad bin Hamed Al-Thani are already in Muscat for the same purpose.

In the meantime, GCC traffic directors ended their second working session in Sharjah, UAE, Monday night by recommending the development of present traffic institutes in Saudi Arabia to become one for GCC member states.

measures, are trying to regain their lost market in Gulf countries in general and Saudi Arabia in particular, according to K. L. Simha, market research officer of the Indian Coffee Board.

"Indian coffee had been well recognized in this area in the past, but with lower prices in certain Central American countries, our exports have declined sharply," Simha told Arab News.

Simha said the West Asian markets consumed nearly five percent of India's total coffee exports in the past, which declined to only one percent last year and it is a very small quantity this year.

Alarmed by this sharp fall in exports, the Indian Coffee Board, an Indian government undertaking, has for the first time sponsored a three-week tour of the Gulf by a three-member "sales and study" team, including Simha, market research officer; B. L. Ramdas, planter; and K. Bala Hariharan, an exporter.

The team, which embarked on the tour on March 14, has visited Muscat, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain. From Saudi Arabia, they will go to Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Doha, Qatar and Dubai.

India's coffee exports to the Kingdom amounted to SR6.45 million in 1980. They fell to SR2.30 in 1981 and declined further last year. "We have come here to study the hurdles facing our exports in this area, while gradually increasing exports to other markets," Simha said.

The Gulf tour has so far shown that "surprisingly we are outperformed by 30 to 40 percent in these markets, while quality is still well received," he added.

India's coffee production this year is about 135,000 tons and is expected to reach 170,000 tons next year. Local consumption is about 55,000 tons.



INDIAN COFFEE TEAM: A three-member sales study team sponsored by the Indian Coffee Board has arrived in Jeddah. The members of the team, who are on a three-week tour of Gulf countries, are (from left) K.L. Simha, market research officer of the Coffee Board; K. Bala Hariharan and B.L. Ramdas, both members of the board.

Merchants bought soft drinks, got containers of fertilizer

JEDDAH, March 22 — Three Saudi Arabian merchants have fallen victim to international fraud and sea piracy, as what was supposed to be a shipment of soft drinks from New York turned out to be fertilizers when the ships docked in Amsterdam, Al-Madinah reported.

The Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry is in contact with the commercial section of the U.S. Embassy here the Arab-American Chamber, and the Saudi Arabian commercial attaché in New York to clear up the matter.

The Saudi Arabian merchants had imported a large number of containers of soft drinks from New York. When the ship arrived in Holland, a bad smell made the captain complain to port authorities who opened the containers and found nothing but fertilizers in them.

Mustafa Sabri, the head of Jeddah Chamber's legal affairs department, said that the chamber is keen on preserving the interests of the country's businessmen. He urged them to be alert to tricks played by foreign

April seminar on sea piracy

DAMMAM, March 22 (SPA) — The United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) will organize a world seminar next month on sea malpractices.

The seminar, to be held at the Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce and Industry, will be attended by representatives from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) secretariat, the Gulf Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Kuwaiti Gulf Insurance Company and the Arab Shipping Federation.

Delegates from international organizations will also participate in the three-day seminar.

Philanthropic board reviews progress

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — The board of Riyadh's Philanthropic Society held a meeting here recently under the chairmanship of Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and defense and aviation minister.

Following the meeting, the board's secretary-general, Abdul Aziz Al-Misnad, said that the board reviewed ways to develop the society and awarded an SR24.7 million contract to a national company to build the society's branch at Daraiyah to be ready in about three years.

Hospital initiates laser beam operations

RIYADH, March 22 (SPA) — The King Faisal Specialist Hospital will be the first hospital in the Middle East to use laser beams in medical operations from Tuesday, the hospital's general supervisor, Dr. Nazar Muhammad Fatah, said.

36,000 served by W. Province social centers

JEDDAH, March 22 (SPA) — Six social and development service centers are currently serving the Kingdom's Western Province, an annual report published by the province's social affairs department said here.

The report said the mission of the centers is to improve the people's social, cultural, economic and health standards as well as to develop their local societies.

The centers are located at Makkah, Madinah, Wadi Fatima, Taraba, Quba and Al-Aiss, it added.

The report said the centers helped in setting up 124 projects at a total cost of SR4.65 million (nearly \$1.3 million) and helped nearly 36,000 people.

He said the hospital opted for the use of laser beams after it noted excellent results in its use for nose, throat and ear operations, cancer, neuro-surgery as well as plastic and general surgeries.

700,000 visas issued for aliens last year

RIYADH, March 22 (AP) — Saudi Arabia issued 700,000 visas for foreign workers during the past year, but the figure represented a six percent drop from a year ago, an official here was quoted Monday as saying.

Abdul-Jalil Al-Seif, director of the Worker Visa Application Center, was speaking in an interview with the newspaper Al-Riyadh. He did not give the total number of foreign workers currently in the Kingdom nor a breakdown by nationality, but the newspaper said 91 percent were Arab.

The account said the foreign component of the workforce was 85 percent in the United Arab Emirates, 71 percent in Kuwait and 52 percent in Oman.

Kuwait had the second highest percentage of Arab workers, with 80 percent, the report said, adding that the highest percentage of Asian workers was in Oman, with 78 percent, followed by the UAE (73 percent), Qatar (68 percent) and Bahrain (65 percent).

"The percentage of Asian workers has been registering an appreciable increase since 1975, even in the Gulf countries which have a predominantly Arab expatriate workforce," the report said.

It said that only three percent of the foreign workers in the Gulf earned monthly salaries of over SR2,500 while 26 percent had monthly remunerations of less than SR1,000. The remainder was mostly in intermediate salary brackets.

Extensive program mapped for manpower development

RIYADH, March 22 — Better coordination and more effectiveness in the process of developing and making the best use of Saudi Arabian manpower was stressed as a key necessity at meetings here chaired by Prince Sultan, second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation and attended by representatives of the Civil Service Directorate and the Supreme Council for Manpower.

During the meetings, the council approved an extensive plan for studying manpower needs within the Kingdom. Various manpower studies already completed by various government bodies are now being assessed and will be used to determine guidelines.

Khaled Al-Sudairi, head of the Civil Service General Directorate, told Okaz after the

meetings that both organizations share their work. The Civil Service Directorate is responsible for government employees, while the Supreme Council for Manpower is responsible for manpower in general, whether it is on a government or private level.

He said that better coordination between the two organizations was mapped during the meetings so that when official decisions are taken there is more effectiveness in their implementation. Sudairi said this will help in the process of developing skilled manpower and making the best use of it.

He said the council did not discuss resolutions or recommendations made during the recent businessmen's conferences in Dhahran.

Panel to guide Makkah development

MAKKAH, March 22 — The comprehensive development plan for Makkah and pilot plans for Madinah and other sacred areas will be guided by a new committee established here which will be responsible for all planning studies.

The committee according to Al-Bilad, will be responsible for all consultants appointed by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and also plans to establish develop-

ment plans for Wadi Fatima, Bahra, Shaba, Jamjum, and Al-Sharia.

The committee is composed of representatives of the Makkah governorate Makkah municipality, the Planning Ministry, Makkah Traffic Department, the head of the consulting team and the mayor of Makkah as chairman and the director of planning. At the end of each month there will be committee meetings.

Pharmacies penalized for violations

MAKKAH, March 22 — A number of pharmacies here have been severely penalized for violating new health rules, Al-Nadwa reported. Dr. Nazih Hassan Nassif, the supervisor general of health affairs in the Western Province, said that the pharmacies had been fined SR5,000 each for selling medicines whose validity had expired. Others

were charged SR3,000 for failing to sell drugs needed by mental or psychological patients.

Pharmacies which were found to be unclean and untidy were fined SR2,000 each.

A letter of thanks, however, was addressed to Al-Bondogji Pharmacy for its abidance by the ministry's rules and instructions.

Radio receivers seized, fines imposed

RIYADH, March 22 — More than 25 advanced electronic radio receivers, which could monitor the conversations of security, civil defense and patrol men by using the same frequencies, were seized by the customs authorities here last week, Al-Madinah reported.

A spokesman at Riyadh Airport said that most of the devices seized with FM bands had emanated from the Far East through other Gulf countries. He pointed out that any passenger caught carrying such apparatus will be penalized. He will have his device confiscated and be fined more than SR1,000 depending on the set's type and size.

Engineering conference slated May 24

JEDDAH, March 22 — The first Saudi Arabian engineering conference, organized jointly by the King Abdul Aziz University faculty of engineering and the Jeddah municipality, will be held at the Jeddah Center for Exhibitions for five days from May 24, Al-Bilad reported.

The conference will discuss the roles of the engineer and engineering in the development of the Kingdom as well as the possibility of exchanges of engineering and scientific expertise among those active in the engineering industry.

The conference will also examine ways of increasing the effectiveness of the Saudi Arabian engineer and the compatibility of modern technological methods to the Kingdom's environment. Also, proposals for making engineering education and training more effective will be discussed.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Wednesday						
Fajr (Dawn)	4:58	4:58	4:30	4:16	4:41	5:10
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:28	12:28	12:00	11:46	12:11	12:41
Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:55	3:26	3:14	3:38	4:08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:34	6:35	6:06	5:53	6:17	6:47
Isha (Night)	8:04	8:05	7:36	7:23	7:47	8:17

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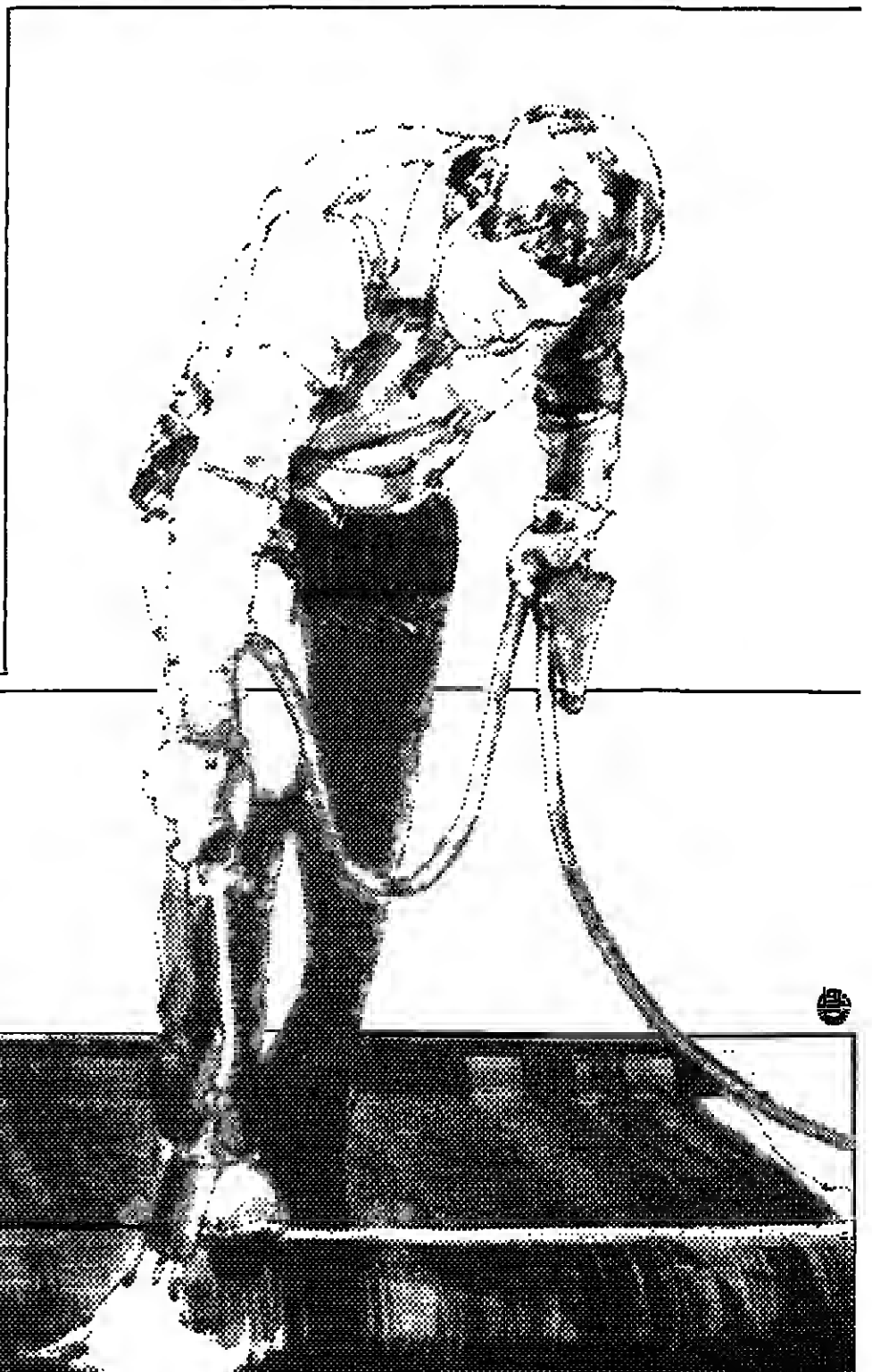
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\$251m arms aid under study

U.S. sends 70 advisers to help Lebanese Army

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP) — The United States has sent 70 military advisers to help the Lebanese Army while the U.S. Congress considers a \$251 million military aid package.

The Lebanese Army would play a key role in maintaining security after Israeli and other foreign forces withdraw from the country.

A U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee was to begin consideration of the aid request Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Mark Fouch said the arrival of the mobile training teams represents the beginning of a second Reagan program to build up the Lebanese Army so it can take over security in its own territory and enable a multinational peacekeeping force to leave.

The first phase was set in motion last fall after Lebanese President Amin Gemayel had approved proposals drafted by a U.S. survey team.

In that first phase, which Fouch said was completed in February, the Lebanese government managed to increase the manpower in 16 battalions from 50 to 75 percent of authorized strength. If fully manned, Lebanese battalions would total about 1,000 each.

Israel accelerates settlement drive

TEL AVIV, March 22 (AP) — The Israeli cabinet decided to step up settlement activity in the occupied West Bank by converting eight settlements from military to civilian status, Israel radio said.

The military command and police reported anti-Israeli demonstrations in the West Bank. East Jerusalem Arabs threw stones.

Eight killed as Iraqi copter crashes in Italy

VENICE, Italy, March 22 (AFP) — An Iraqi military helicopter crashed in the mountains near Recoaro Terme, northern Italy, Monday, killing all eight persons on board, an informed source said here. The eight were all believed to be Iraqis.

The helicopter had taken off from Venice Airport and was heading for Milan, where it was to undergo a series of factory checks when the accident occurred, the source said.

It had flown from Iraq to Italy in several stages.

according to Fouch.

Another part of that initial phase involved agreements to sell Lebanon 34 M-48A5 tanks with ammunition and spare parts, as well as 107 M-113 armored troop carriers, for a total of \$57 million. Those sales were announced earlier.

The second phase, now getting under way, will bring field training for the 16 battalions, as well as efforts to build up the strength of some additional battalions now virtually skeletons.

In addition to field tactics, the U.S. mobile training teams will drill Lebanese officers and enlisted men in communications, maintenance, supply, command and control, operations planning and other tasks.

The courses will vary in length, and the U.S. trainers will leave as soon as their work is completed. He said the trainers are expected to leave after three to six months.

Disclosure that the 70 U.S. trainers had been sent to Lebanon over the past week came as a congressional study concluded that the Lebanese order "is in very poor condition after the long Civil War and exists mostly on paper at the present time."

and burned tires, and shopkeepers observed a brief commercial strike Monday to protest an attempt by Jewish extremists two weeks ago to seize the site of Al-Aqsa Mosque, the police said. No injuries were reported in the disturbances.

The radio reported that one of the new civilian settlements would be at Mahaz overlooking Nablus, a center for anti-Israeli unrest in the West Bank.

It said 15 new military settlements would be created in the West Bank this year, bringing to 26 the total number of military settlements. There are 82 civilian settlements in the area.

Opposition Labor Party parliamentarians and the Peace Now movement condemned the decision, saying it closed the door on an expansion of the Mideast peace process.

The United States has called for a freeze on settlement activity in order to draw King Hussein of Jordan into peace talks with Israel. But Israel says it will not compromise on the settlements which it sees as essential for security.

Turkmen to view Armenian issue with Syrians

ANKARA, March 22 (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Turgut Ozal will visit Syria shortly to discuss attacks by Armenian guerrillas on Turks living abroad, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday.

Turkmen's visit to Syria follows a secret trip to Lebanon last week where he asked President Amin Gemayel to take action against Armenian guerrilla groups based in Beirut.

Turkish newspapers have said that Armenian militants, who have killed at least 25 Turks living abroad in the past decade, have been trained in camps in Syria.

Following the latest attack, in which Turkey's ambassador to Yugoslavia was shot dead in Belgrade earlier this month, Ankara said it would take up the issue with governments of any country where it suspected militant Armenians were based.

The spokesman said Turkmen would also discuss bilateral issues in Damascus, including smuggling across the Turkish-Syrian border and latest political developments in the region.

The spokesman would not comment on a report Tuesday in the newspaper *Hurriyet* which said Turkish intelligence had learnt that Beirut-based Armenian groups were planning a wave of attacks on Turkish targets abroad in April, which they had dubbed the "month of vengeance."

Hurriyet said cadres of guerrillas set to carry out the attacks by the two best known Armenian militant organizations had been acquired by intelligence agents.

These were then passed on to countries where Turkey had missions in a warning note from the foreign ministry, it said.

SAM deployment worries U.S.

DAMASCUS, March 22 (R) — The installation of long-range Soviet anti-aircraft missiles in Syria is a headache for U.S. strategic planners but has not radically altered the balance of forces in the Middle East, according to Western and Third World diplomats.

They said the introduction of the SAM-5 missiles in December and January had given Washington several causes for concern.

Their long range of at least 250 kilometers, the fact that their performance is little known because they have never before been deployed outside the Soviet Union, and their likely operation by Soviet servicemen not Syrians all pose potential problems for U.S. military forces operating in and around the eastern Mediterranean, the diplomats said.

But they added that as regard the regional balance of power, the missiles should be seen as only one part of a bigger operation to replace Syria's losses in last year's

war against Israel in Lebanon.

The diplomats said that although the Syrian armed forces were now perhaps 10 percent better equipped overall than they were before the war, the main result of the operation was to rescue Syria from vulnerability rather than to give it any kind of superiority over Israel.

The missiles are big, 16.5 meters long, and relatively immobile, needing to be fired from pre-built sites. The diplomats said the SAM-5s were stationed at two sites, one near Damascus and the other near the central city of Homs.

The missiles are part of an integrated anti-aircraft defense system, including other rocket batteries and guns to handle planes at close range and low altitude, the diplomats said.

The diplomats concluded that the missiles and other equipment supplied by the Soviet Union had made Syria stronger than it had been before the war in Lebanon.

Prisoners hoist PLO flag in Ansar camp

TEL AVIV, March 22 (AP) — Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli Army's Ansar prison camp in southern Lebanon rioted for more than six hours Monday before order was restored, Israel radio reported. The military command confirmed the unrest but could give no details.

The radio said the prisoners hoisted Palestinian flags and chanted slogans of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The prisoners refused to obey the policemen and crowded around the fence, the radio added.

The report said that all 5,400 prisoners joined the protest against Israeli atrocities.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan will meet at the White House on April 12 with Qaboos ibn Said, Sultan of Oman, who will make a state visit to the United States, the White House announced Monday.

JIBCHIT, Lebanon (AP) — Muslims in several southern Lebanon villages staged sit-ins at mosques Monday to protest the Israeli Army's arrest of Jibchit's spiritual leader. Schools and shops in Jibchit and neighboring villages were closed.

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet television charged Monday that a French doctor sen-

tenced to eight years in jail for "illegally entering" Afghanistan had worked with Pol Pot forces to Cambodia and Afghan insurgents under the guise of dispensing medical aid.

LONDON (R) — Thirty Kurdish rebels were killed at the weekend in renewed fighting with government forces in Western Iran, the national news agency IRNA said. IRNA said Monday a combined force of Iranian Revolutionary Guards and regular cops attacked rebel bases in the troubled province of West Azerbaijan, recapturing several villages.

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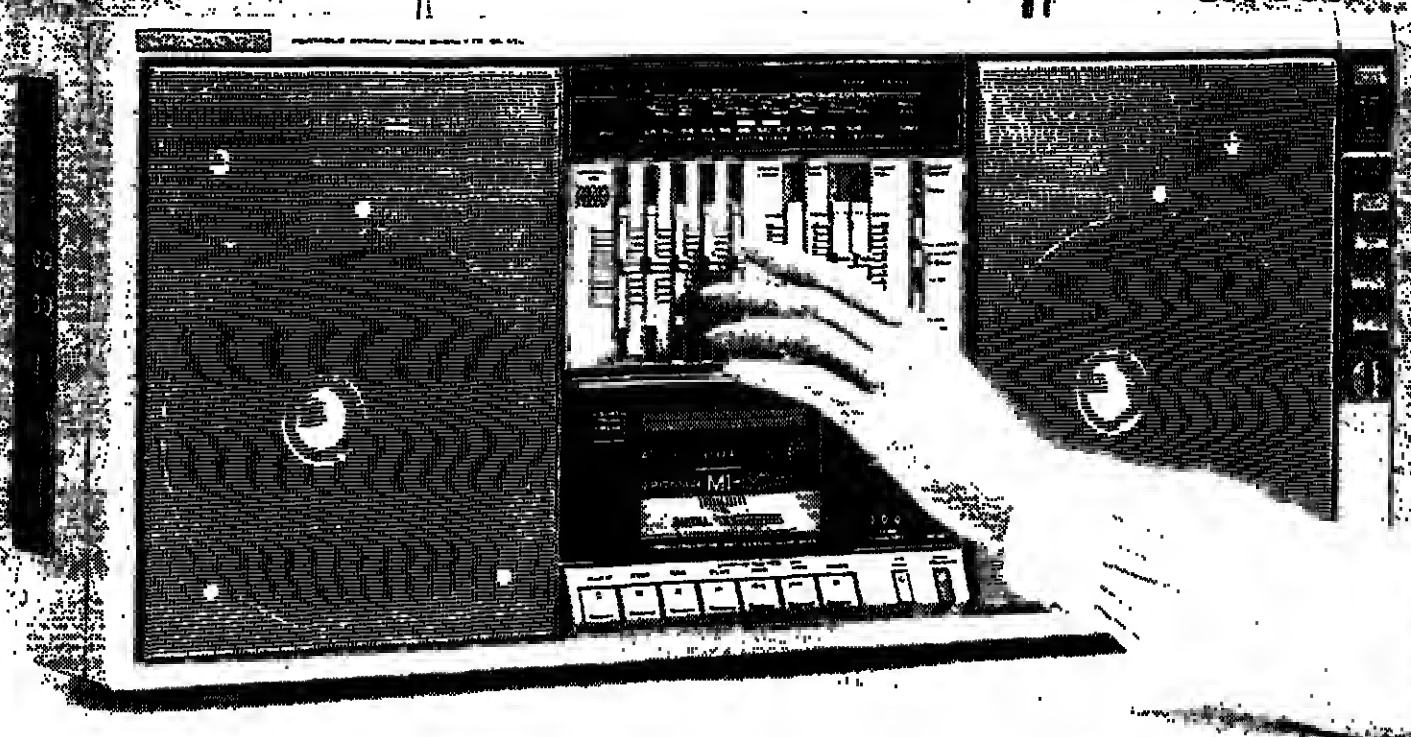
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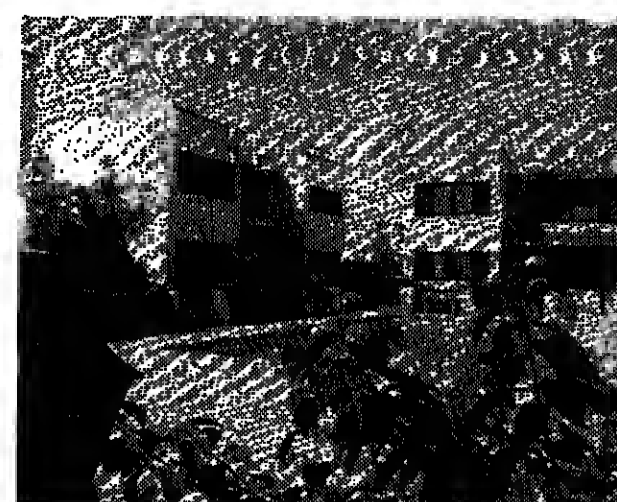
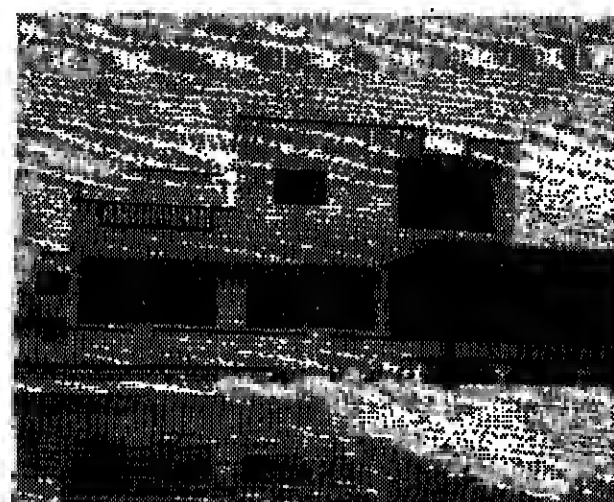
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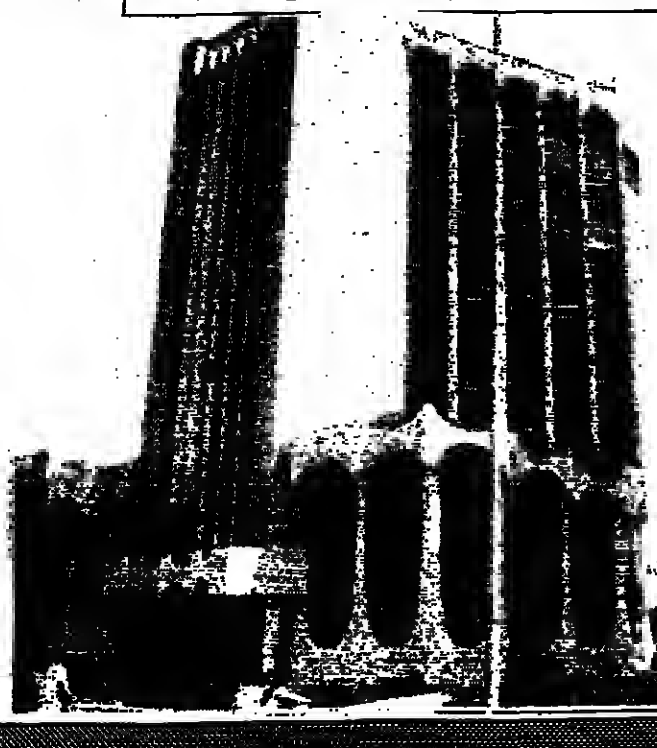
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Nicaraguans warn Hondurans of war

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, March 22 (AP) — The Sandinista government has warned of a "serious danger of war" with neighboring Honduras because of escalating fighting between army troops and Honduran-based rebels.

"Our troops, planes, tanks, artillery and our entire armament are ready to take action," Defense Minister Humberto Ortega said Monday.

Ortega blamed "Yankee imperialism" and the U.S.-backed Honduran military for supporting rebel groups he said had penetrated into areas of Nicaragua's Matagalpa province, about 90 miles north of Managua, and Jinotega, 110 miles north of here.

A state of military emergency has been in effect since March 1982 in Jinotega and four other provinces along the Honduran border because of frequent clashes between rebels and government troops. But Monday was the first time officials acknowledged fighting as far south as Matagalpa, in central Nicaragua about 60 miles from the Honduran border.

Ortega also denied rebel claims they controlled the towns of San Ramon, Muy Muy,

Los Llanos and San Dionisio in the Matagalpa region.

Foreign correspondents have been barred from entering the fighting zone and the government's account could not be independently confirmed.

Tensions between the Sandinistas and Honduras' conservative government have mounted since insurgents mounted their first prolonged attack into Nicaragua from Honduran territory in June 1982.

Nicaraguan officials say the rebels — many of them former military officers loyal to the ousted Nicaraguan regime of rightist dictator Anastasio Somoza — are being secretly trained and supplied by the United States and Honduras in an effort to destabilize and topple the leftist regime here.

Nicaraguan forces have killed 205 right-wing guerrillas in the north of the country and put 104 more out of action, defense Vice Minister Maj. Leopoldo Rivas said Monday. He said 57 Sandinista soldiers had been killed and 40 wounded, while 11 civilians had been killed and six kidnapped by Honduras-based insurgents.

Sino-Soviet tiff 'remains'

PEKING, March 22 (AP) — Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Qian Qichen returned Tuesday from consultations in Moscow on improving Sino-Soviet relations and said there were no new developments and "differences still exist."

Qian told reporters at Peking Airport the atmosphere of his five meetings with Soviet officials was "calm and the consultations

30 Ugandans killed

KAMPALA, March 22 (R) — Men wearing Ugandan Army uniforms knifed or hacked to death some 30 persons in two villages east of Kampala at the weekend, according to eyewitness accounts reaching Kampala.

The eyewitnesses, who asked not to be identified, said the mass killing took place on Friday and Saturday at Soonde and Jinja villages in the Mukono district. Details were sketchy but the eyewitnesses said the killers went from house to house after arriving in the district by bus.

The area is generally free of anti-government guerrillas but one guerrilla unit had been reported in the district shortly before hand, the eyewitnesses said.

Eight persons died Sunday at Kyebaando 11 kilometers northwest of Kampala when unidentified gunmen in civilian clothes opened fire on a meeting of the local branch of the ruling Uganda Peoples Congress (UPC), local officials said.

Latin press still 'gagged'

MANZANILLO, Mexico, March 22 (AP) — Latin American governments continue to control the press under cover of emergency laws and other legal tools, and newsmen still face the danger of imprisonment, delegates to the Inter-American Press Association meeting were told Monday.

"The situation has worsened in the past six months, even in countries where plans have been announced to liberalize the systems such as Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay," said Raul Kraiselburd, president of the association's freedom of the press committee.

"As long as repressive laws are maintained that permit or allow the arrest and imprisonment of newsmen under special legal jurisdictions, any claims of liberalization will be suspect," added Kraiselburd, director of the newspaper *El Dia* of La Plata, Argentina.

Delegates discussed the situation of the press in the different countries, pointing out that the biggest dangers so far come from authoritarian governments' use of the legal systems.

The committee's conclusions will be presented for approval by the entire assembly Thursday in this Pacific resort, 843 kilometers northwest of Mexico City.

Carlos Ovidio Lagos, of the newspaper *La Capital* in Rosario, Argentina, said that in his country the publication of some newspapers and magazines has been suspended and newsmen are imprisoned or missing.

"The system implies a risk in the exercise of journalism. The government refuses to provide information about missing or imprisoned newsmen," he said. Julio Cesar Mesquita, of *O Estado* of Sao Paulo, said that in general terms there is freedom of the press in Brazil.

"There are still draconian tools that hang like a sword over the heads of newsmen," Mesquita said. One of them, he said, is the law of national security that can be used to "intimidate" newsmen.

Newsmen from Chile and Peru expressed similar fears that governments can use laws for reprisals.

Mexican delegate Alejandro Junco de la Vega, director of the newspaper *El Norte* of Monterrey, said another threat to the press is the economic problems faced by newspapers throughout Latin America.

He said the economic crisis facing the countries of the hemisphere has produced problems such as the lack of foreign currency to import parts and other necessary material.

Referring to the situation in Mexico, the Monterrey publisher said there had been attempts to establish a press censorship law and an obscenity law but the government backed down in the face of mounting criticism.

U.S. rejects China view

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — The State Department rejected a Chinese statement saying that the arms which Washington plans to sell to Taiwan this year and next would violate a Sino-American understanding reached last August.

A department spokesman told Reuters that if the United States went ahead with plans to sell Taiwan arms worth \$800 million this year and \$780 million in 1984, "that would be fully consistent with the Aug. 17, 1982 communique."

In Peking, the Chinese government said Monday it considered the sales a violation of the American pledge to cut down on arms deliveries to Taiwan gradually and added that it had objected to Washington about them.

Diplomatic sources in Peking said China conveyed its displeasure to U.S. Ambassador Arthur Hummel last Thursday, and China's new ambassador to the United States, Zhang Wenjin, was to see William Schneider,

undersecretary of state for security assistance, presumably to deliver a similar message. China and the United States hammered out their communique last August after a lengthy public dispute over arms sales to Taiwan.

The understanding admitted the possibility of occasional fluctuations in the level of future sales and Peking in turn pledged to reunite Taiwan with the mainland by peaceful means. The latest dispute centers on whether or not the gradual reduction should take account of inflation.

U.S. and Chinese officials said it was agreed the reduction should be from the level set in 1979, when diplomatic relations were fully normalized. There was also no dispute that the figure for that year was \$598 million.

Adjusted for inflation, the 1979 level was now equivalent to \$830 million, so the projected levels for this year and next did represent a real fall, the State Department said.

Reagan names EPA chief

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — President Reagan named a former deputy attorney general who resigned during the Watergate scandal, William Ruckelshaus, to head the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The agency drew allegations of mismanagement and political manipulation under his predecessor Anne Burford who stepped down 12 days ago.

Ruckelshaus told reporters in Reagan's presence that he had been given "a free hand" in his new post, which is subject to Senate confirmation. Ruckelshaus, senior vice president of a major lumber and paper production firm, was the EPA's first administrator. He served in the Nixon administration from 1970 to 1973.

He then became deputy attorney general and resigned under pressure in October, 1973, rather than accept orders from President Nixon to fire special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Mrs. Burford quit amid congressional uproar over alleged political manipulation of the agency's \$1.6 billion fund for cleaning up toxic waste.

Answering questions as he announced

Five Guatemalans executed

GUATEMALA CITY, March 22 (AP) — A military firing squad executed three civilians and two soldiers before dawn Monday, after a secret tribunal convicted them on charges of rape, murder and robbery.

The executions came as President Efraín Rios Montt pledged an end to a night-month state of siege, under which firing squads have executed a total of 15 persons. Rios Montt said Sunday the state of siege would end Wednesday, the first anniversary of the military coup that brought him to power.

Ruckelshaus' nomination. President Reagan disputed charges that he favored weakening the environmental protection laws to help business. He defended Mrs. Burford and denied all allegations of wrongdoing. He added he had total confidence in his nominee, saying: "He is the right man for the right job at the right time."

Congressional sources said investigations of the EPA by several committees of Congress would continue. Ruckelshaus told reporters he did not want to pre-judge the allegations, but he too would investigate and take action if it was required.

He said he believed he would be backed by the White House staff and would be free of the king of political influence alleged to have been exerted within the EPA during Mrs. Burford's tenure.

As deputy attorney general, Ruckelshaus, 50, was second in command to Attorney General Elliot Richardson at the Justice Department. Both were victims of the so-called "Saturday night massacre" when they were asked to fire Cox who was demanding White House tape recordings as part of his Watergate investigation.

It was the first announcement of an execution here since March 3, when Rios Montt allowed the execution of four alleged terrorists, in defiance of a papal plea for mercy. Pope John Paul II, visiting Guatemala four days later, decried human rights offenses and said disrespect for life was "a grave offense against God."

Reporters, turned from witnessing the Monday executions, stood outside the city's main cemetery and heard a volley of rifle fire beginning at 0415 local time (1015 GMT).

BRIEFS

SELLING, England (AP) — An elderly bishop who tried to pull a neighbor's dog from a large disused tank full of water fell in himself and drowned, police said Monday. "It would seem likely the brave man sacrificed his own life to save the dog," a police spokesman said. The body of Bishop Kenneth Warner, 92, was found over the weekend in the tank near his home in this village in Kent, 50 miles east of London. The dog survived.

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — The 17th century Brazilian city of Olinda, named after a Portuguese colonist who cried "O Linda (oh, beautiful)" when first seeing the site, was Sunday declared part of mankind's cultural heritage. UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar Mbow, at a ceremony, officially gave the city the title, to rank with others like Venice which have been honored for their beauty. Olinda, seven kilometers outside the northeastern city of Recife, was founded in 1537 and is Brazil's first capital under Portuguese rule.

WASHINGTON (R) — A powerful gust of wind during a heavy rainstorm probably caused a Pan American World Airways jetliner to crash near New Orleans last July with the loss of 153 lives, the National Transportation Safety Board said Monday. All 145 persons aboard were killed along with eight persons on the ground in an explosion and subsequent fire that destroyed six houses and damaged five others.


SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — Artificial heart recipient Barney Clark has developed a recurring fever and his kidney functions are deteriorating, doctors said Monday as they tried to determine whether the artificial heart recipient is suffering from an infection.

ABIDJAN (AFP) — The Ivory Coast Parliament approved by acclamation Monday a proposal to move the national capital to the inland town of Yamoussoukro, birthplace of President Felix Houphouët-Boigny, who has ruled this West African former French colony since independence 20 years ago. Presenting the proposal, Interior Minister Leon Konan Koffi told parliament that Abidjan, with a current population of 1.8 million, had become dangerously overcrowded and congested.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The City College of New York announced Monday the award of an honorary degree of doctor of laws to Nelson Mandela, a black leader serving life in prison in South Africa for actions against the segregationist government.

CARACAS (AP) — Venezuelan authorities freed on Monday the last of four journalists jailed recently because of their outspoken criticism of the government. Venezuela is considered to be Latin America's most stable democracy, and the arrest of the four caused widespread protest here. Journalists and politicians alike had branded the detention as unconstitutional.

PANAMA CITY (AP) — Guards shot and killed nine inmates during a riot in a prison on an island off this nation's Pacific coast, the government announced late Monday.



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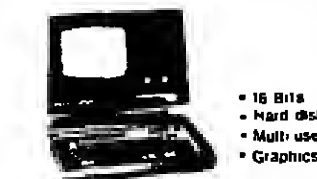
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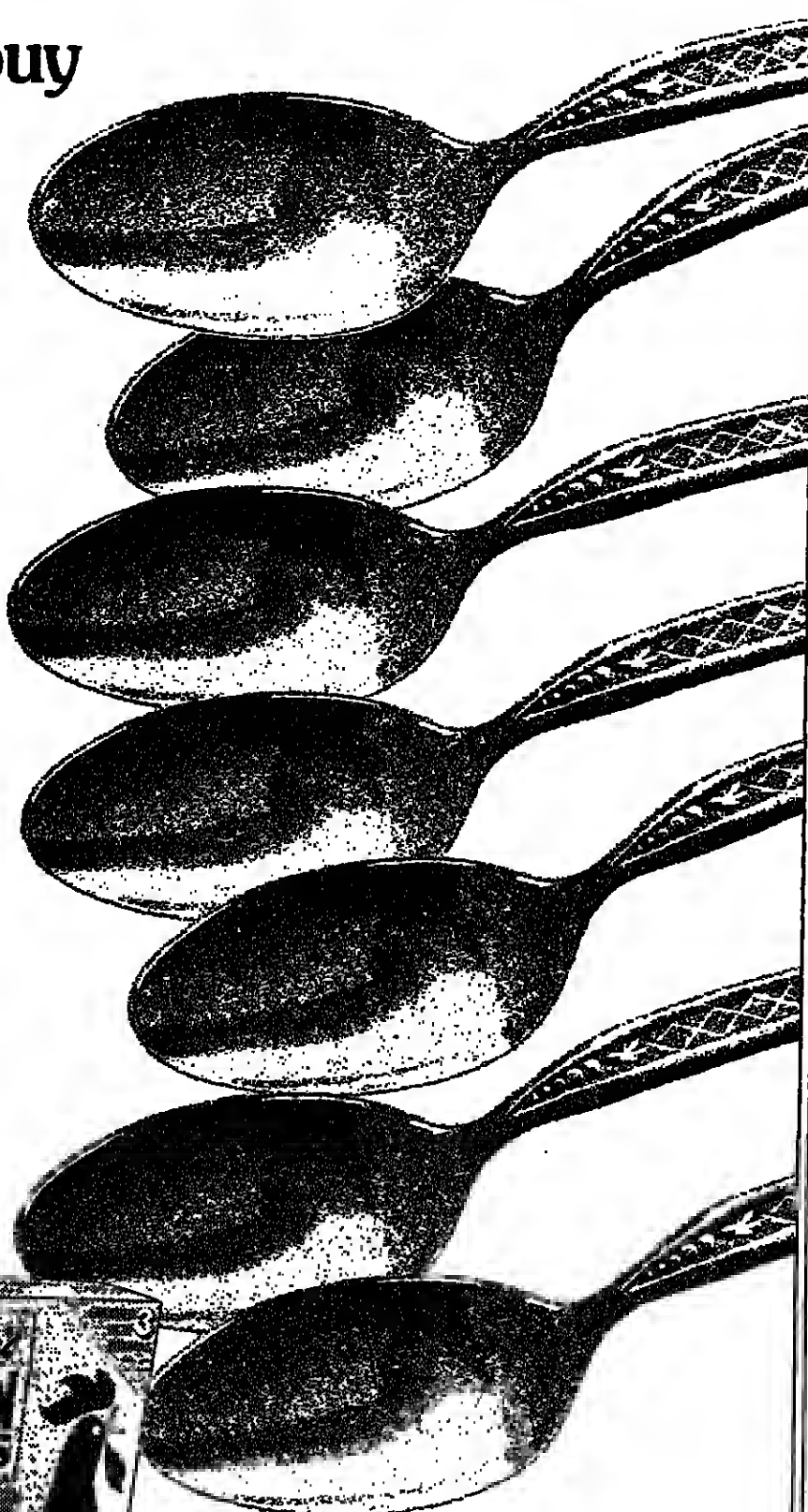
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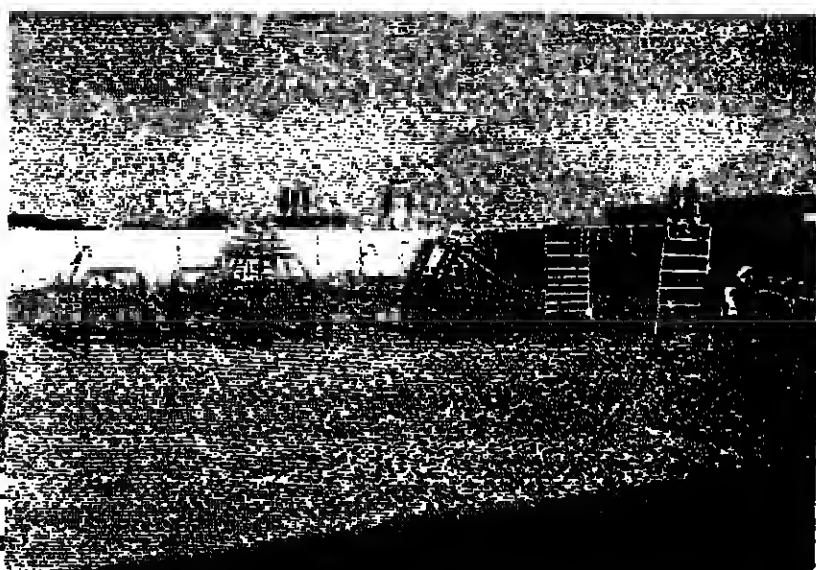
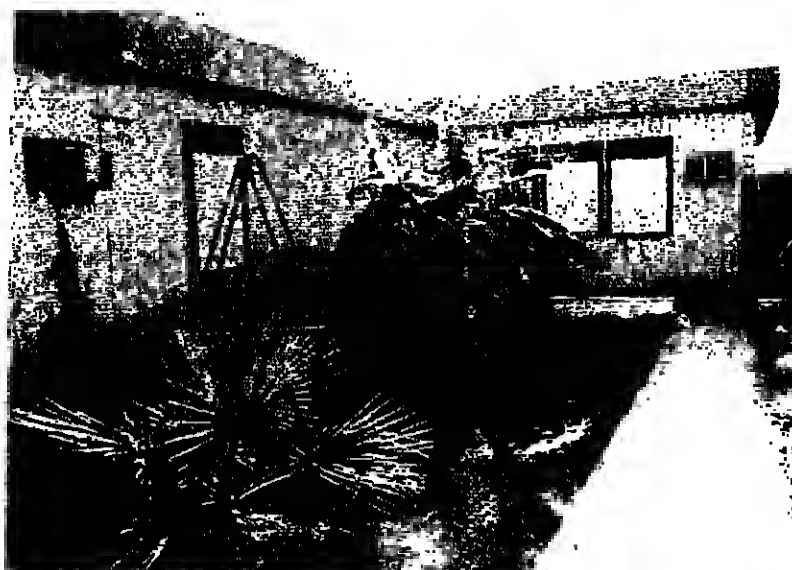
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REMEMBER JINNAH

The notion of a separate homeland for Muslims in the Indian subcontinent is 43 years old today but the inspiration for it is much older.

Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the great leader of Indian Muslims and then first governor general of Pakistan, embodied the ideals and aspirations of the Muslims when he urged the creation of Pakistan at Lahore in 1940. It was then that the Pakistan Resolution was passed and the road to separate statehood finally led to Karachi, then Rawalpindi and, today, Islamabad.

But it was not easy going, for the majority Hindus led by the Indian National Congress, led by Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, the fearsome Vallabhbhai Patel and others, were opposed to the dismemberment of India at any cost.

The cost was exorbitant in terms of lives, property and Hindu-Muslim animosity but it had to be paid as there was no way of reversing a historical trend which the majority of Muslims supported. Nor was it possible to thwart a man like Jinnah. He had almost unlimited will power and obduracy to match. He could stand up to the towering figures of the Indian national liberation movement and win the day. Pakistan was an almost pathological obsession with him and had to be realized. It was a dream whose fulfillment justified the nightmares that had to be suffered for it. The latest such nightmare was the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War which led to the separation of East Pakistan.

Using the benefits that hindsight invariably provide, perhaps it was just as well that Pakistan was first created and then Bangladesh separated. Without Pakistan, the subcontinent would have hardly tasted stability and tranquility. Hindu-Muslim riots might have worsened into a religious civil war and the Muslims would have continued to hanker after a separate state forever and a day. Despite all the vicissitudes, the communal clashes, Assam of late, inter-denominational relations are at a tolerable level.

Indo-Pakistan relations are basking in a new sun of understanding which is good news to the rest of the region. Practically-minded Pakistanis and those who used to sympathize with them because of its truncated state, are sighing audibly with relief for the secession of Bangladesh which had been a foregone conclusion because of the geography of partition. Present Pakistan can only pay homage to the Quaid-e-Azam by adhering strictly to his motto — Unity, Faith and Discipline.

While the credit for Pakistan must be shared by many millions of nationalists, particularly those who gave their lives for it, it was ultimately Jinnah's supreme achievement. Remember Jinnah.

Saudi Arabian press review

The need for a collective Arab stand against the Zionists was stressed by newspapers Tuesday. *Okaz* reiterated the call for a collective stand on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, based on the Arab peace plan.

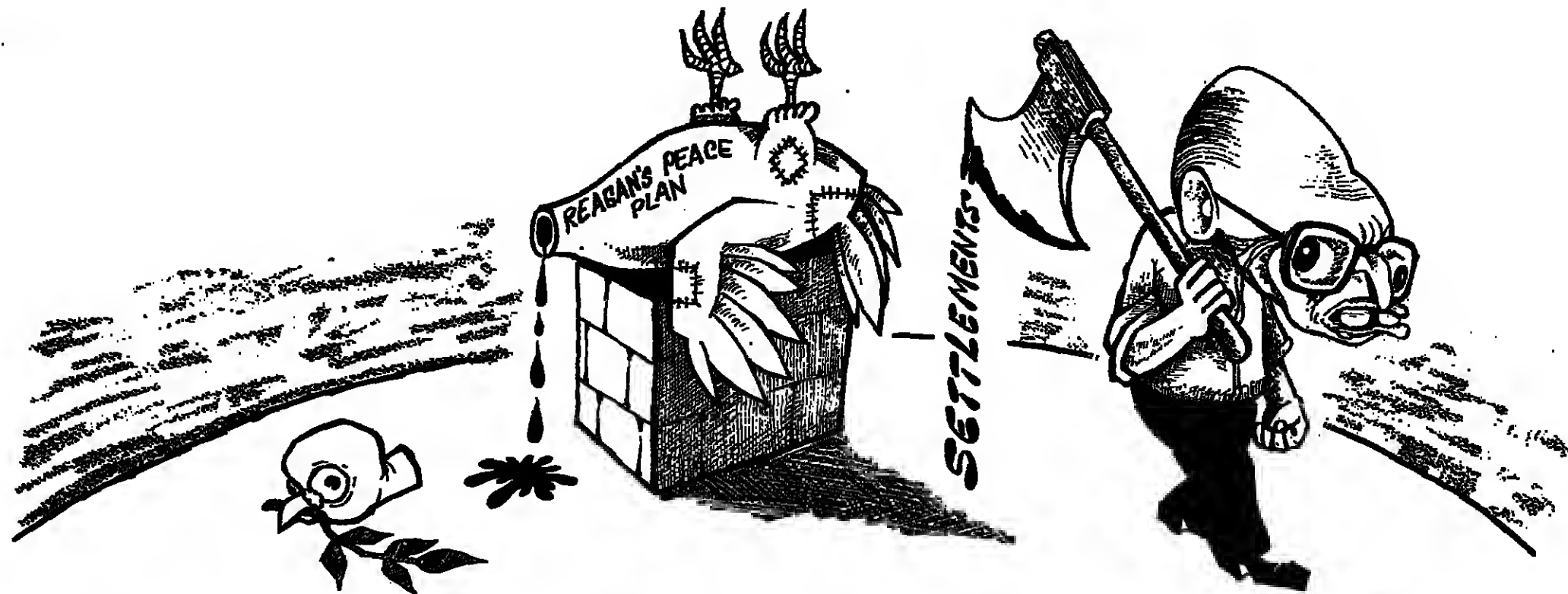
Commenting on the success made by the Arab League mission at the capitals of the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, the paper also called for making use of "honest peace proposals" provided they helped ensure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including their right to self-determination and an independent state. It said: "Arab commitment to the Palestine cause and Arab-Israeli conflict necessitates a joint Arab stand."

The paper stressed the need for exploiting the existing "historic chance" to promote the Palestine cause and achieve a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

"Such a chance is represented in the worldwide support for the Arab peace proposals which were overwhelmingly endorsed by the nonaligned summit held recently in New Delhi," it added.

Al-Yom called on the international community to put an end to Zionist-Nazi practices in occupied Arab territory. "In spite of strong criticism in a report recently issued by the International Human Rights Committee, Israel was still going ahead with its aggressive policy against harmless Arab inhabitants in the occupied land," the paper said.

Al-Bilad said the repeated attacks on holy Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque "by Israel have uncovered the Israeli designs to destroy Muslim holy sites and change the geographical characteristics of the holy city and its glorious history." (SPA)



America inspires African freedom movements

By David Lamb

ALGIERS — Amid all the bombast leveled at the United States in the Third World, it is remarkable how often one hears such favorable references, in Africa, to the American Revolution and the American Declaration of Independence.

A Palestinian official here recently compared his people's struggle for a homeland to George Washington's battle with the British. A Nigerian diplomat recited for an American friend the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence, and a Guinean said not long ago, "yours was a true revolution."

"Almost all revolutions in this part of the world started with good will toward the United States," Muhammad Hassanein Heikal, a confidant of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser, said in an interview in Cairo. Heikal is generally a critic of U.S. foreign policy. "But Washington is afraid of change," he went on. "It wants everything status quo. That leaves you with the most vulnerable friends — the ones who are ready to be changed. Culturally, the United States shares a great deal with the Third World. The Soviet Union doesn't. Just the language barrier alone becomes almost insurmountable."

"I remember sitting in on an hour-long meeting between Nasser and Eisenhower in 1960. They spoke the same language and, although there were many differences between them, they really com-

municated. When Nasser met Khrushchev, they couldn't do much except exchange slogans." Although Washington has traditionally supported the existing establishment in Africa, often at the expense of the majority of the people, there have been brief moments when the United States challenged European domination of the continent — then backtracked when its own interests were threatened.

The first challenge came in 1943, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited the Sultan of Morocco, Sidi Muhammad V, in Casablanca. Despite France's displeasure, Roosevelt went along, refusing to let a representative of the colonial government accompany him, and thus gave his tacit support to the Sultan's aspirations for independence.

In 1957, John F. Kennedy, then a U.S. Senator, shocked practically everyone by declaring his support for Algeria in its war for independence from France. And in 1962, when Kennedy was president, the United States voted for a U.N. resolution criticizing Portugal's colonial rule in Africa.

But the United States wanted access to Lajes Air Base in the Portuguese Azores and, under Kennedy and President Richard M. Nixon, voted with the Lisbon government on almost every other issue that came up in the United Nations involving colonialism.

Today, Algerian officials still speak of Kennedy's endorsement of their war for independence, though

it was not a portent of future relations between Algeria and Washington. In 1981, the Reagan administration had to choose between Algeria and Morocco, which were — and are — fighting over Western Sahara. Algeria had just helped negotiate the release of U.S. hostages from Iran and it expected some support from Washington.

But Morocco seemed to have more to offer. Its king was pro-Western; its location was strategically important. And two days after the hostages' release, Washington announced that it would sell Morocco 108 tanks, which were to be used against Algerian-backed Polisario in the Sahara.

Virtually every African leader who has ended up pursuing a radical, pro-Soviet course has done so only after first seeking help from the United States. And with few exceptions, their relations with Moscow have not been of long duration. In Somalia, Guinea, Ghana, Sudan and Egypt, the Soviet alliance has eventually faded like a summer rose.

Nasser wanted the United States to build the Aswan High Dam. When it refused, he found a willing partner in Moscow. The ramifications were immense and included an attack by France, Britain and Israel on the Suez Canal, which Nasser had nationalized to raise money to build the dam.

Agostinho Neto, the father of Angolan independence, traveled to Washington in search of understanding for his cause before Portugal set his country free in 1975. His revolutionary, pro-Communist reputation had preceded him and he never got to see a single U.S. official of significance. Today, the

United States is the only major Western power that has not recognized the Angola government, a government that is more legitimate than many in Africa.

Another African revolutionary who moved out of the Western orbit and into the Eastern was the late Kwame Nkrumah, leader of Ghana's independence movement. He studied in the United States for a decade and, after leaving at the end of World War II, he wrote: "I saw the Statue of Liberty with her arm raised as if in personal farewell to me. (I said shyly), 'you have opened my eyes to the true meaning of liberty. I shall never rest until I have carried your message to Africa.'" And carry it he did — under the banner of "independence now."

For Nkrumah, there were — as there are today for many Third World leaders — two Americas, the one he learned about in the history books and the one whose foreign policy frequently did not coincide with the aspirations of the majority in many Third World countries.

One can only speculate now how the political balance in Africa might have differed if the United States had built Egypt's dam, supported Algeria's revolution or accommodated Neto's dreams. Political expediency probably would have made all these steps impossible at the time, yet when Washington shudders at the rhetoric of revolutionaries in the Third World, it is probably worth remembering that once, long ago, there was no more revolutionary government than that in Washington. (LAT)

Unscrupulous aides add to Reagan's embarrassment

By Robert Chesshyre

WASHINGTON —

It has become a familiar Washington tale. A senior Reagan administration official is discovered to have been less than scrupulous in the conduct of his personal affairs. Usually greed lurks in the wings. The press plunges in for a field day and President Reagan, who is nothing if not loyal to his subordinates, expresses "full confidence" in his beleaguered aide.

Congressmen join in the chase and for several weeks Washington plays football with the malfeasant's career. The outcome is more usually decided by luck, thickness of skin and obduracy than by any very clear morality. One may quit, another recant and a third brazen the scandal out until even this political city tires of the sport and moves on to fresh excitements.

The latest person in high places exposed for financial malpractice announced he would quit this week almost as soon as his name got in the papers. He is Thomas Reed, who was "special assistant" to the president for national security and the deputy chairman of the high-powered committee seeking a method of basing the controversial MX. As such, he was subjected to security clearances which appear to have been either lax or excessively lenient.

Reed's offense was that in late 1981 he turned a \$3,000 option on stock into a \$427,000 windfall by the expedient of getting insider information from his father who was director of a major corporation which was on the verge of a merger that was bound

to cause a dramatic rise in its share value.

Subpoenaed records show a series of calls between Reed and his father a few minutes before he rang his broker to buy the \$3,000 option. He is also said to have forged a number of signatures to make it look as though the windfall was to be spread among eight or nine persons, and to have backdated documents so it appeared they had been signed before he spoke with his father.

Share-dealing regulations forbid stockholders from taking unfair advantage of insider information, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigated Reed's financial coup, compelling him to put the profits into a fund to reimburse other investors who may have been cheated by his action. Reed himself denies wrongdoing, and says the money was to have been a gift to the persons whose names he used on the documents.

A New York federal grand jury is now investigating whether Reed broke the criminal law, and a congressional subcommittee has accused the National Security Council (NSC) of failing to do its homework on Reed's background before he was cleared for top secret work. The subcommittee chairman is John Dingell, one of those chiefly responsible for the political pressure on Mrs. Anne Burford, who recently resigned as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Congressman Dingell has demanded the NSC file so that his subcommittee "can look at how the National Security Council staff evaluated the SEC matter when they gave Reed clearance and put him in one of the most sensitive positions in govern-

ment". The subcommittee's lawyer also accused the SEC of "taking a dive" when it investigated the Reed deal.

Reed, who had regular access to Reagan and was very close to national security adviser William Clark initially riposted that Dingell's investigations were "political fun and games in Washington", a light-heartedly evasive answer that was criticized by senior administration officials. Despite Reed's resignation, his potential for further embarrassment to the Reagan government is considerable. An ex-secretary to the navy, he was a long-time close associate of the president and, as a former state cabinet officer when Reagan was governor of California, was part of the West Coast "Mafia" that largely dominates the White House.

A right-wing paper, *The Washington Times*, normally a staunch supporter of Reagan policy, began its editorial last week with the words: "This whole business stinks," and continued: "Odors like this one don't just blow away, not in Washington, not in the spring of 1983." The post-Watergate mood persists: neither Congress nor the press will allow that there is any such thing as smoke without a fire.

Politically, the Reed affair damagingly reinforces the widespread impression that the Reagan administration abides by two standards. While it pursues a strident "law and order" policy against drug rings and professional criminals, it harbors a number of senior officials whose records are stained by dubious "get rich quick" adventures, including the attorney general himself, William French Smith, who attempted to extract four times the

permitted tax relief from a tax shelter.

French-Smith repaid the money to the tax authorities and survived, as have a number of others who have been accused of wrongdoing, including the head of the CIA, William Casey, and the labor secretary, Raymond Donovan. Others, like Richard Allen, Reagan's first national security adviser, who accepted money to set up an interview with Mrs. Reagan, have lost out in the lottery.

Although the recession is clearly "bottoming out", millions of Americans are still suffering greater hardship than they have ever experienced, losing jobs and homes. To them the concept of making \$427,000 virtually overnight by dint of suspect dealing is morally offensive. The polls show that Reagan continues to slide in public esteem, and the Reed case goes to the heart of the "fairness" issue, which is probably Reagan's greatest political liability.

Given the nature of the people Reagan took on board with him — thrusting, anti-regulation types, whose instincts are to cut corners and go for the financial kill, further Reeds are a near certainty. (LOS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 23, the 82nd day of 1983. There are 283 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1534 — Pope Clement VII declares marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Catherine of Aragon as valid.

1801 — Russia's Czar Paul I is assassinated and succeeded by Alexander I.

1849 — First organized band of settlers lands at Dunedin, New Zealand.

1919 — Benito Mussolini founds new political movement in Italy.

1933 — German Reichstag grants Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers until April 1937.

1935 — Soviet Union sells its interest in Chinese Eastern Railway to Japan.

1936 — Italy, Soviet Union and Hungary sign defense treaty.

1945 — U.S. and British forces cross the Rhine River in Germany during World War II.

1976 — Argentina army generals put armed forces on alert and begin moving troops into position for expected military takeover of Isabel Peron's government.

1979 — At least 68 policemen are hurt and 30 persons arrested when rioting erupts in Paris over job cutbacks in steel industry.

1980 — Ousted Shah of Iran leaves Panama for Egypt while U.S. hostages begin 21st week of captivity in Iran.

1982 — Dissident officers seize power in Guatemala, 15 days after a conservative general was elected president of that Central American nation.

Thought for today:

From the little spark may burst a mighty flame — Alighieri Dante, Italian poet (1265-1321).

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Tireless champion of Arab and Palestinian causes

Pakistan's unique position in Muslim world

A resolution moved by Fajal Haque, the chief minister of undivided Bengal, at the annual session of the All-India Muslim League held in Lahore on March 23, 1940, changed the course of the Indian subcontinent's history. The text of the resolution is given below:

"While approving and endorsing the action taken by the Council and the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, as indicated in their resolutions dated the 27th of August, 17th and 18th of September and 22nd of October 1939, and 3rd of February 1940 on the constitutional issue this session of the All-India Muslim League emphatically reiterates that the scheme of federation embodied in the Government of India Act, 1935 is totally unsuited to, and unworkable in the peculiar conditions of this country and is altogether unacceptable to Muslim India.

"It further records its emphatic view that while the declaration dated the 18th of October 1939 made by the Viceroy on behalf of His Majesty's Government is reassuring in so far as it declares that the policy and plan on which the Government of India Act 1935, is based will be reconsidered in consultation with the various parties, interests and communities in India, Muslim India will not be satisfied unless the whole constitutional plan is reconsidered de novo and that no revised plan would be acceptable to the Muslims unless it is framed with their approval and consent.

"Resolved that it is the considered view of this Session of the All-India Muslim League that no constitutional plan would be workable in this country or acceptable to the Muslims

unless it is designed on the following basic principles, viz., that geographically contiguous units are demarcated into regions which should be so constituted, with such territorial readjustments as may be necessary, that the areas in which the Muslims are numerically in a majority as in the North-Western and Eastern zones of India should be grouped to constitute 'Independent States' in which the constituent units shall be autonomous and sovereign.

"That adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards should be specifically provided in the constitution for minorities in these units and in the regions for the protection of their religious, cultural, economic, political, administrative and other rights and interests in consultation with them and in other parts of India where the Mussalman are in a minority adequate, effective and mandatory safeguards shall be specifically provided in the constitution for them and other minorities for the protection of their religious, cultural, economic, political, administrative and other rights and interests in consultation with them.

"This Session further authorises the Working Committee to frame a scheme of constitution in accordance with these basic principles, providing for the assumption finally by the respective regions of all powers such as defence, external affairs, communications, customs and such other matters as may be necessary."

(The text of the Pakistan Resolution was provided to us by the Saudi orthopedic specialist, Dr. Anwar Toosi.)

By Mohsin Ali

ISLAMABAD — The cause of Muslims throughout the world has always found a bedrock of strength and support in Pakistan.

The mainspring of Pakistan's foreign policy, this ready championship of Islamic issues, stems from the genesis of the state itself. The grand splendor of international Islamic unity had been an abiding inspiration for the Muslims of the South Asian subcontinent when they launched their own movement for freedom from British colonialism.

The founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, considered the new nation's creation not an isolated event but an integral part of the worldwide struggle of Muslim people for emancipation from the yoke of colonialism and imperialism.

It is, for instance, not without significance that the same session of the All (British) India Muslim League, which formulated the demand for the independent state of Pakistan at the historic city of Lahore on March 23, 1940, also adopted, unanimously, a strongly worded resolution in support of the Arab demands in Palestine.

Anticipating Anglo-American machinations in collusion with the World Zionist Congress, the Pakistani head of state, barely two months after his own state came into being, warned that the partition of Palestine could not "be supported historically, politically and morally", and that this would trigger "the gravest danger and unprecedented conflict" — a judgment on future events history has upheld.

Ever since, Pakistan has been supporting at the United Nations, the nonaligned movement (NAM), the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), and in every other international forum, the demand for the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem, and the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Stressing Pakistan's place in the Muslim world is its membership of the Jerusalem Committee of the OIC headed by King Hassan of Morocco, charged with the task of preserving the Arab character of Jerusalem and aiding forces opposing the Judaization of Islam's holy places.

Enjoying diplomatic status, the Palestine Liberation Organization maintains its offices in Islamabad, the national capital, as well as in the port city of Karachi.

As a member of the preparatory committee, Pakistan played an important role in the holding of the first ever summit of Muslim kings and heads of state immediately after the Israeli-organized arson at one of the holiest of Islam's shrines, the Mosque of Aqsa in Jerusalem. It was this Islamic summit at Rabat in Morocco in 1969 that gave birth to the 42-nation Organization of Islamic Con-



HISTORIC PHOTO: Muslim leaders with the founder of Pakistan, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, after their talks with him on the Pakistan resolution in Lahore.

ference comprising about 800 million Muslims — one-fifth of the world's population.

Pakistan's participation in the establishment, organization and expansion of the OIC and its agencies has been active. Perhaps, an acknowledgment of this role was the honor conferred upon Pakistan of playing host to the second Islamic summit at Lahore in 1974.

A turning point in the history of the Palestinians' struggle, it was at the Lahore summit that the Muslim world collectively recognized the PLO as the representative and authoritative organization of the Arabs of Palestine.

Scoring Pakistan's role in the comity of Muslim nations, is the fact that Karachi had been the venue of the second Islamic conference of foreign ministers (ICFM) in 1970. The eleventh session of the ICFM was also held in Pakistan.

Islamabad also hosted the first ever extraordinary session of the ICFM in January, 1980, to consider the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in the previous month. Except Saudi Arabia, no other Muslim country has had the distinction of being the venue of so many sessions of the ICFM.

Another rare tribute by the Muslim world to Pakistan's championship of Muslim causes was paid in May, 1980, when the eleventh session of the ICFM meeting at Islamabad, unanimously asked Pakistan President Gen. Zia ul-Haq, then chairman of the OIC, to address the United Nations. The occasion was to coincide with the advent of the fifteenth century of the Hijra calendar.

For the first time in its 30-year-old history, the United Nations on Oct. 1, 1980, heard



Muhammad Ali Jinnah

the Pakistani president expound Islam's message of universalism and brotherhood and equality of man, without distinction of color, creed, race, or ethnic origin.

Pakistan is also a member of the nine-nation committee set up by the OIC to bring about an end to the fratricidal war between two prominent members of the OIC — Iraq and Iran. In pursuit of its objective, the committee has so far visited Tehran and Baghdad nine times. Its efforts continue.

Inside the United Nations, Pakistan has played an important role in the decolonization of several Muslim, African and Asian countries. On the issues of the emancipation

of the Meghreb-Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria — Pakistan, as a member of the Security Council in 1952-53, and the General Assembly, had been responsible for the adoption of several resolutions spurring negotiations between France and the three Arab states, leading to their independence.

Opposing the trusteeship over Libya sought to be given to Britain, France and Italy, Pakistan in 1949 urged independence for a united Libya comprising the territories of Tripolitania, Cyrenaica and Fezzan. Likewise, opposing the Western proposal, Pakistan pressed in the U.N. the demand for the amalgamation of the Somali-speaking areas under colonial rule into an independent Somalia.

In the same way, Pakistan played a major role as a member of the Commission (Governor General's) that paved the way for the termination of the Anglo-Egyptian condominium over the Sudan and its eventual independence.

Identifying itself completely with the struggle of the Indonesian people for freedom from Dutch colonial occupation, Pakistan in December, 1948, harried its air space and airports to Dutch aircraft when the Netherlands launched its assault against the Indonesian nationalists. Pakistan denounced the Dutch action as "an affront to the soul of Asia."

Significantly, Pakistan was chosen in 1963 to provide the interim U.N. administration in the West Irian (Dutch New Guinea), when that territory's sovereignty was transferred, after a referendum, from Duteb to Indonesian hands.

Aspirational, cultural and geopolitical extension of the Gulf and the Middle East, Pakistan today is actively associated with the Gulf and other Arab states on projects designed to firm up their ties. Joint ministerial commissions for economic cooperation, for instance, have been established by Pakistan with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Oman, and Bahrain, among others.

Under the Indonesia-Pakistan Economic and Cultural Cooperation (IPECC) agreement, signed in 1965, the two countries are working on several joint economic projects. Pakistan signed during President Zia ul-Haq's visit to Kuala Lumpur in November, 1982, an economic and technical cooperation agreement with that country designed to boost their economic growth. Testifying to the degree of collaboration with Pakistan are the separate protocols for military cooperation between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq and Libya.

Pakistani military instructors also train the armed forces of several Muslim countries and a number of officers from these states are enrolled in the military training institutions of Pakistan.

Additionally, the Muslim world has lent a helping hand in beefing up the economy of Pakistan. A Pakistan-Saudi and Pakistan-Kuwait Investment Company, a Pak-Arab Fertilizer Project, a Pak-Arab Refinery and a Pak-Libya holding company are among the agencies working toward this end.

Nor is this a one-way traffic. Over a million Pakistanis — doctors, scientists, engineers, professors, economists, bankers, geologists, agronomists, journalists, technicians, business executives as well as semiskilled personnel are helping to transform the economies and improve the quality of life in a number of Muslim states in the Middle East and Africa.

Pakistan's universities and professional colleges, similarly enrol every year a large number of students from the Muslim countries in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia.

Over the years, Pakistan has thus striven not only to cement unity and fraternity among the Muslim countries of the world but has also readily offered them whatever resources and technical knowhow it has to strengthen their economies and raise the living standards of their people.

It has done so because Pakistan believes that its own salvation lies in a strong Muslim world, dedicated to peace and human brotherhood.

Another Look

Million dollars in closet

By Robert Younkum

A lot of people probably sneered in disbelief when they read the following news story:

"NEW YORK — A green plastic garbage bag stuffed with about \$1 million has been found in the home of relatives of one of the suspects in the theft of \$11 million from a Bronx armored-car company, the FBI said yesterday....

"Mr. and Mrs. Skiades said they had no idea how the bag and its 60 pounds of money in denominations of \$100 and smaller had got into a closet at their home in Westport, Connecticut."

"I did not sneer in disbelief, though. As a matter of fact, it could have happened in a house that I know quite well. Like this:

"FBI? Sure, come right in. What's up?"

"We have reason to believe that a plastic bag containing one million dollars may be stashed away somewhere in this house."

"Really? It doesn't seem likely. I can't even keep change in my bureau drawer. My wife says it's the kids, but they deny it."

"Yes sir. Now if we could just take a look around?"

"Of course. You'll find things sort of a mess. My wife is at a school board meeting right now. If she knew that someone was going through the house in this state she'd have a fit!"

"What is this? The living room?"

"Yes. I guess it is a little hard to tell, what with my stacks of magazines and newspapers all over the place. Actually, I was about

"That's right. Do you want to take a look around?"

"We'll leave that until later, too. You could have an armored truck hidden in there and we'd need a backhoe, bulldozer, and crane to find it. Is there a basement in this house?"

"Yes, but I'm not sure you'll want to go down there."

"Why?"

"Well, come along. You'll see..."

"I don't believe this! Stuff stacked up to the ceiling!"

"Right. Follow me through this passageway and I'll identify things for you. This is the children's section. They've promised to clean it up, but you know how kids are. Then comes my work bench —"

"I don't see any work bench."

"That's why I don't use it anymore. It's under all those boxes. They're mostly filled with overflow books from upstairs, and travel mementos, and my wife's collection of old bottles, and —"

"OK! OK! Then what?"

"This area is filled with furniture, boxes, and other stuff left by friends and relatives who moved from the country to the city. They knew we had storage space, so... Well, we bated to say no."

"Looks as though it's been here a long time."

"Most of it has been here ten or twenty years. Four couples are represented here, and two have divorced. Usually divorced people argue over possessions, but not for these things."



to move them in the garage."

"You could use a study, eh?"

"Uh, well, actually I've a study. It's a small room in the back, but it's... well, it's filled up!"

"Filled up?"

"Yes."

"Mmm. I think we'd like to see that room right now. We can go through this, er, living room later..."

"OK, here it is."

"Oh! You actually have to tunnel into there?"

"Right. So many things were falling on me that I brought in one of those big sewer pipes. It leads straight to my desk."

"And you crawl in and out of there every day?"

"I'm getting depressed. Can we see the rest of the house?"

"Sure. Come along..."

"Well, that's about it, except for the closet off the spare bedroom."

"What's in there? Open it up."

"Sure. It's like the one you just saw. Filled with things we can't identify but don't throw away...Oops! Careful! Sorry! I told you it was full."

"That's all right. Nothing heavy fell on me...Say, what's in that plastic bag?"

"I don't know. Let's look...My Lord! It's filled with hundred dollar bills! I have no idea where it came from!"

"In most cases I wouldn't believe that, but for you I'm going to make an exception. Sign this release form, please. I want to get out of here."

Yakutsk still entices the adventurous

By Mark Wood

YAKUTSK, Siberia, (R) — Despite the hardships, people still come to settle in Yakutsk, capital of Siberia's Yakutia region, one of the coldest inhabited places on earth.

They are lured by high wages or a sense of adventure and the population has climbed rapidly to around 200,000. The authorities do everything they can to encourage them. The city is the center of development for Yakutia, a region 12 times the size of Britain, rich in gold, diamonds, coal, gas and tin — mostly still unexploited.

Residents have had to adapt to life in a city with nine months of bitter winter and temperatures plunging to minus 60 Celsius (minus 76 Fahrenheit). Outside, they look into each other's faces for the white puffiness which marks the start of frostbite on the cheeks or nose.

Yakutsk's city grave diggers hazard a rough guess each summer about how many persons will die in the coming year and spend a frantic few weeks preparing their last resting places. Grave digging in the capital of eastern Siberia's Yakutia region is limited to between June and September when the top layer of permafrost — permanently frozen subsoil — melts. The alternative would be to prepare cemetery plots with dynamite.

With a bravado that comes from battling such extremes, the people of Yakutsk joke

about a "heatwave" when the thermometer rises to minus 30 Celsius (minus 22 Fahrenheit) in February but even at that temperature the cold poses a constant danger.

To pass by one collapsed in the street is a criminal offense, but no Siberian would do so anyway. "You do get used to the cold after a while except when it goes below minus 50 (minus 58 Fahrenheit). At that temperature, the ice fog comes down, and it's difficult to breathe," said Nellie Medvedeva, a long-time resident. The fog, caused by exhaust, breath and heating fumes freezing in midair, paralyzes the city, grounding the planes which are the major link with the outside world and halting traffic.

Even at slightly less fearsome temperatures getting around is tricky. Once a car or truck engine is running it is not turned off, and vehicles drive out of the city only in convoys. A breakdown would otherwise mean death. Mayor Vladislav Shamshin told visiting reporters that construction costs are four times those in the European part of the country, because houses have to have walls a meter thick and triple glazing.

Materials are mostly hauled up the mighty Lena River, 16 kms wide at Yakutsk, by barge during the short summer. In winter frozen rivers form the only passable roads. But the planners' biggest challenge has been the frozen ground. "Permafrost covers half the territory of the Soviet

Union and in each area it is different," said Pavel Melnikov, head of Yakutsk's Permafrost Institute.

Where it is "active," the ground is likely to erupt or subside, carrying houses, roads and railway lines with it. Building was always a problem as the heat from houses melted the soil beneath them and gradually they sank. In the old part of Yakutsk, log cabins are often submerged up to the first-floor windows. The answer in Yakutsk has been to build an entire new city on stilts. Concrete piles are drilled deep into the ground and multistoried blocks built on top of them with up to two meters clearance from the ground to prevent melting.

Another major difficulty is food. Supplies must be brought in by plane and a rationing system limits each resident to less than two kilos of meat a month.

Shamshin said there were attempts to increase farming during the summer months and two local collectives already provided enough cabbage and potatoes for most of the year. Livestock farms are being developed to breed horses as an auxiliary meat source, since cows fare poorly in the cold.

Many of the people who come to Yakutsk return to the warmer west after three or four years, leaving the authorities the constant task of finding new manpower.

Settlers soon fall into the island mentality encouraged by the isolation. Although Yakutsk is hundreds of kilometers from any sea, they refer to the south and west as the "mainland." Most people use the six weeks holiday granted to northern workers to escape to the sunny shores of the Black Sea, for even the brief hot Siberian summer offers only mixed comforts.

"There is beautiful, wild countryside all around and marvelous hunting and fishing," Mrs. Medvedeva said. "But you have to contend the whole time with swarms of vicious mosquitoes and they can make life unbearable."

While most of Yakutsk's inhabitants are linked to mining and exploration, others are dedicated to opening up the secrets of the permafrost.

In many areas only a thin layer of soil covers a thick sheet of ice and disturbances can turn whole areas into a frozen desert.



LONG AND LONELY: To this solitary truck driving the long and lonely road leading to Siberia the only company is that of the unending trail of telephone poles.

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PESTICIDES CAUSING MENTAL DISORDERS

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Is there a possible connection between the use of pesticides and change in a person's character? His personality? My husband, who bought a 60-acre farm about a year ago, has been suffering from nightmares and is greatly depressed. As much as I've tried, he has been very difficult to live with. It all seems to have begun when he began fussing around with pesticides. —Mrs. K.

Dear Mrs. K.: I would not even attempt to guess what has brought on these mental changes in your husband. But I will say it's not absurd to think you may be on the right track. It's not impossible that the villains in his case may actually be pesticides. Why not bring up this possibility with your husband's doctor? Meanwhile, you'll be interested to learn that scientists have uncovered evidence which should cause farm workers handling insecticides to exercise new caution. Some workers exposed to insecticides may experience depression, paranoia, recurrent nightmares and other mental disorders. The culprit may be a group of organophosphorus compounds. These may interfere with an enzyme called acetylcholinesterase, affecting acetylcholine which transmits messages from one brain cell to another. Symptoms may occur in agricultural workers even when exposed to small amounts of insecticides over a long period of time. One positive note: the damage may be reversible. Staying away from dangerous chemicals may slowly reverse the damage to the

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(Replies to and from readers):

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: What about relief of pain for cancer patients? Our mother is dying of cancer and is in terrible pain. But our doctor tells the nurse to hold back on administering pain-killers. She says the doctor doesn't want to induce "drug dependence." In other words, he wants to keep her from becoming a drug addict. Isn't this cruel and shortsighted? Right now, we think control of pain is the immediate problem — not worrying about addiction. —Mrs. U.

Dear Mrs. U.: I suggest you ask for consultation for change in medication procedures — or engage another doctor. There's no excuse to keep cancer patients in pain that might be alleviated. Too many physicians underprescribe because of fear of addiction.

For Mr. H.: Lyme disease is named after a town in Connecticut in U.S. where the first outbreak occurred. It has been traced to the bite of a tick. It causes aches and pains and a high fever. There may be such complications as arthritis and meningitis. At last, researchers discovered the cause: a spirochete that is susceptible to penicillin.

Flash estimate shows U.S. growth at 4%

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP) — In the broadest sign yet of economic recovery, the government estimated Monday that the American economy grew at a 4 percent annual rate during the first three months of the year, the strongest performance in two years.

Anti-dumping bills opposed

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — The Reagan administration has voiced strong opposition to two congressional bills aimed at toughening laws against foreign firms which "dump" goods on the U.S. market.

It said the moves might stifle legitimate competition and violate international trade agreements. Assistant Attorney General William Baxter told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the Justice Department strongly opposed two "anti-dumping" proposals now under review.

The proposals are aimed at providing relief to U.S. firms claiming injuries from foreign competitors. They would permit American companies to press their cases directly in federal court and allow them to seek retroactive compensation for financial losses due to illegal dumping and subsidies.

The proposals would also permit courts to halt U.S. imports by foreign firms accused of dumping if the firms failed to comply with court orders or directives. "If these bills are enacted, they are likely to stifle not only unfair imports, but also legitimate import competition in the detriment of the U.S. economy and American consumers," Baxter said.

The Commerce Department's so-called "flash" estimate of inflation-adjusted gross national product showed the largest increase since the first quarter of 1981.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Larry Speakes called the figure "excellent news and the most conclusive indication the economic recovery has begun and is proceeding at a healthy rate. We think this indicates we are moving rapidly to an excellent recovery from recession."

The flash estimate also showed inflation, as measured by the GNP price deflator, rising at a mere 2.8 percent rate during the first quarter, compared with a 3.7 percent rate during last year's final quarter.

The flash estimate is a very rough calculation of economic activity that often is revised significantly as more information is gathered. The Commerce Department also reported that economic activity during the last three months of 1982 declined by less than had been estimated previously. The department said inflation-adjusted GNP fell at a 1.1 percent annual rate, rather than dropping 1.9 percent as had been reported earlier.

The department added that pre-tax corporate profits during the fourth quarter of 1982 declined at an annual rate of 0.8 percent from the third quarter, reversing two straight quarters of gains. After-tax profits showed no change in the fourth quarter, the department said.

The estimated first-quarter GNP growth is the greatest since a 7.9 percent rate was recorded in the first three months of 1981. But that rapid expansion gave way by the summer to the worst downturn since World War II.

Jack Lavery of Merrill Lynch and Co., who had anticipated the first-quarter gain, said in advance of the report, "I think we'll have a lumpy and saw-toothed recovery."

Taiwan termed ideal place for investment

HONG KONG, March 22 (CNA) — The Republic of China, with a healthy economic structure, is an ideal place for foreign investment, according to a report recently published by Vickers Da Costa Co. Hong Kong Ltd., an international research group with its head office located in London.

Political stability, a young and educated population, a stable currency, and a strong financial position have provided ROC with a sound foundation for optimistic economic growth, it said.

The English-language report said that ROC's economic performance has been excellent from 1972 to 1981, registering an average real gross domestic product growth of 8.9 percent.

It went on to predict that GDP will continue to grow positively for the coming years in spite of recent poor world economy.

Kenya receives \$176m IMF loan

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a \$176 million loan to Kenya to shore up the country's ailing economy.

Under an agreement with the IMF, Kenya has been granted a standby credit worth 175.95 million Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the IMF's own currency, in run for 18 months. During the past four years Kenya's economic growth had suffered because of declining trade and poor weather conditions, the IMF said.

"These adverse developments, coupled with an expansionary fiscal policy and an accommodating monetary policy, led to the emergence of strong balance of payment pressures," the IMF said in a statement.

Foreign investors give Cuba a wide berth

HAVANA, March 22 (R) — One year after opening its doors to foreign capitalist investment, Communist Cuba is still waiting for investors.

In February last year the council of ministers passed a joint ventures law which was seen by diplomats here as a sign that Cuba's need for hard currency outweighed any possible ideological misgivings.

A government official described it at the time as one of the most important economic policy moves since Cuba established communism under President Fidel Castro more than 20 years ago.

But a survey by Reuters of the embassies of Cuba's main capitalist trading partners — Canada, France, Spain, Japan and Britain — indicated that not one foreign company had taken advantage of the legislation.

Cuban officials were reluctant to comment but diplomats in close contact with the ministers involved said they were disappointed by the lack of response.

No foreign company would be allowed to hold more than 49 percent of the shares and Cuban workers would receive all the benefits they are used to in purely state concerns. The investing company is allowed to appoint its own executives, define production and sales plans, fix prices, export and import directly and select personnel, according to the law.

"For example, the law allows such ventures as foreign fast-food chains to operate outlets in major tourist hotels," one official said.

But the hoped-for boost to Cuba's dwindling hard currency reserves — estimated officially at less than \$100 million — has failed to materialize.

"Cuba could not have picked a worse time to launch what might in the long term prove to be a successful scheme," the commercial attaché of a Western embassy told Reuters. Diplomats here pointed to a number of reasons for the lack of response even in areas such as tourism and electrical industries which appear the most suitable for such ventures.

— The law virtually coincided with Cuba's rescheduling of \$1.3 billion of its foreign debts, thus effectively halting most commercial dealings with the West.

— The world-wide slump has discouraged companies throughout the capitalist world from embarking on any possibly risky capital ventures.

— There is still a lack of Western confidence in a government which is so closely linked to the Soviet Union through politics, trade and technical expertise.

— Cuba has no ready-made regional market because of its political isolation and the U.S. trade embargo.

The diplomats also said the Cubans, unused to capitalist investment for more than 20 years, still had not worked out the fine details of how the law would work in practice.

Spotlight on EMS history

Set up in March 1979

BRUSSELS, March 22 (R) — The European Monetary System (EMS) was set up in March 1979, to provide a regional zone of stability in a world of volatile exchange rates. But in the last two years, realignments of currencies have become more frequent.

The EMS limits the extent to which its eight member currencies can fluctuate against each other, while floating against outside currencies, thereby facilitating trade.

Only seven currencies — the West German mark, French franc, Italian lira, Danish krone, Belgian franc, Dutch guilder, and Irish pound — are formally quoted as the EMS currencies, thereby facilitating trade.

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on central banks, governments have no alternative but to alter the central rates, and frequent changes have been made.

Britain has frequently been urged to join the EMS to provide an anchor for the pound sterling but has always declined. North Sea oil revenues make sterling a petro-currency, so it often tends to move in the opposite direction to EMS currencies.

The following previous adjustments have been made in the EMS: September 23, 1979 — the West German mark upvalued by two percent and the Danish krone devalued by 3 percent, each against all other EMS currencies.

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Abu Dhabi relents on bank tax issue

ABU DHABI, March 22 (R) — Abu Dhabi has softened demands for a backdated 20 percent tax on the profits of foreign banks operating here, banking sources have said.

The emirate — one of the seven forming the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — is now seeking to backdate the tax only to 1982 instead of the banks' date of incorporation as first proposed in a circular sent in them last December.

The sources said the original demand could have caused substantial problems for a number of banks set up in Abu Dhabi from the mid-1970s onward.

Longer-established banks had in many

cases been paying 20 percent of profits into a special account or making provisions for such payments.

But recently established banks, licensed by the UAE currency board which came into existence in 1980, say they were not advised of the need to make such provisions.

The latest circular, backdated the royalty only to 1982, follows consultations between individual banks and the central bank and finance ministry, the sources said. But they added that many of the newer banks were still pressing for the royalty to start only from the current year.

U.K. airline registers \$2.3m gain

LONDON, March 22 (AP) — British Caledonian Airways made a pre-tax profit of 1.5 million pounds (\$2.3 million) in 1982, reversing its losses of 1981, chairman Sir Adam Thomson said Monday.

Speaking at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Caledonian Aviation Group, Thomson said the profit for the financial year ending last October represented a turnaround from pre-tax losses of 6.2 million pounds (then about \$12 million) in 1981.

Combined with a turnover of 400 million pounds (\$600 million), up 77 million pounds (\$116 million) from 1981, the figures for 1982 "may be judged as rather better than those of the industry as a whole," he said.

However, Thomson said, British Caledonian Airways lost 6 million pounds (\$9 million) in net earnings last spring when the Falklands War interrupted service to South America.

The "major concern" for the airline was the government's subsidization of British Airways, Thomson said. "They are our biggest competitor and they can charge lower fares simply because of the prop from the British government," he said.

"What I have objected to most strongly is the government's policy of bailing out our main competitor after it has made losses on a scale which would put a private company out of business," Thomson said.

Although it reported a profit of 80 million pounds (\$128 million) for the first six months of its fiscal year that began last April, British Airways lost 545 million pounds in 1981 and owes debts of 1.1 billion pounds (\$1.7 billion).

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wants to sell 51 percent of British Airways to private owners once the airline is profitable, in line with her Conservative government's campaign to denationalize Britain's state-owned firms.

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Horn of Africa hit by severe drought

ROME, March 22 (AFP) — The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is seriously concerned about drought in the Horn of Africa, the west of the continent, and the south.

Worst hit is Ethiopia, where latest reports say that 600,000 persons are suffering in the northern provinces of Gandar and Wolo, and two million in the rest of the country, notably in Tigre and Eritrea. The severe drought since last July cut November's cereal harvests by between 20 and 50 percent, and the FAO predicts that Ethiopia will be in difficulty at least until the end of this year. The May harvest, which normally accounts for five percent of national production, does not look promising.

The Ethiopian government called for international aid in August and November last year, and will probably have to renew its appeals this year, FAO experts say. The country's food needs are between 200,000

and 600,000 tons of cereal.

In the rest of East Africa, the situation is better, and the serious problems which faced the Karamoja and West Nile provinces of northern Uganda appear to have been overcome. In Kenya, the last two harvests were satisfactory, as they were in Somalia, where an estimated 700,000 persons in refugee camps have to depend on international assistance.

In Southern Africa, however, continuing drought has made the situation very difficult. The worst hit countries are the landlocked states of Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, as well as Mozambique, which in January asked for supplementary aid of 350,000 tons of cereal to get through 1983.

Maize harvests, which are traditionally enough to supply other countries, are also poor this year — less than a million tons are expected in Zimbabwe, a third of the usual crop — and last year's reserves are now exhausted.

In South Africa, the Agriculture Ministry predicts a maize harvest of 4.7 million tons against an average of 12 million and the 1981 record of 16.4 million. The effects on countries which depend greatly on South Africa, notably Botswana, will be serious.

Chinese to build 132 deep-water berths in 5 years

HONG KONG, March 22 (AFP) — China is developing its shipping industry to make it one of the mainstays of its 1981 to 1985 six-year plan, Vice Minister of Communications Qian Yokzang told the magazine *Maritime China*.

Within the five-year period, China will build 132 deep-water berths in 15 Chinese ports including Shanghai, Hangzhou, Zhakou, Dalian and Qingdao, he said in the magazine's inaugural issue released Monday.

Tonnage to be built, purchased and replaced during the period will be 4.26 million tons for ocean-going vessels, 1.5 million tons for coastal vessels and 670,000 tons for Yangtze River boats plus 61,000 hanks or cabin berths to boost the present passenger capacity, he said.

IADB president wants banks to hike Latin American aid

PANAMA CITY, March 22 (R) — The president of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) has called on private banks to provide more funds to Latin America to halt the region's deteriorating economy, soaring unemployment and shrinking standards of living.

Antonio Ortiz Mena told the opening session of the IADB's annual governors conference in Panama City that commercial banks should stretch out loan repayments and issue fresh credits to restore the region's annual

Turkish lira is devalued

ANKARA, March 22 (R) — Turkey Tuesday devalued the lira by 3.3 percent against the dollar and 2.1 percent against the Deutschmark, following the reshuffle in the European Monetary System (EMS) Monday.

The Central Bank, which has published a daily rate for the lira since May 1981, Tuesday quoted a buying price of 202.25 lira to one dollar, compared with 195.5 Monday. The mark was quoted by the Central Bank Tuesday at 83.60 lira compared with 81.80 Monday.

OPEC panel to meet April 18

ABU DHABI, March 22 (Agencies) — The oil minister of the United Arab Emirates said Monday that OPEC's four-member market monitoring committee would be meeting April 18.

Mani Saeed Oteiba, in a statement distributed by the UAE news agency WAM, said he was in contact with the other three members of the committee to decide where the

meeting would be held. The other members are the oil ministers of Venezuela, Indonesia and Algeria. The Iraqi News Agency had said in an earlier report that the meeting would be held in London, where the 13 ministers of OPEC worked out a new production-sharing agreement last week that would hopefully stabilize crude prices at the new market tag of \$29 per barrel.

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BRIEFS

TOKYO (AP) — Nicaragua and North Korea signed an agreement on economic, scientific-technological and cultural cooperation in Pyongyang Monday, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported Tuesday.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The conservationist ship *Sea Shepherd II*, which has been blockading a Newfoundland harbor to keep sealing vessels from going on hunt, will leave "within a couple of days" to go directly to the sealing grounds, the captain said Monday.

JAKARTA (AP) — Indonesia officially announced its decision to cut its oil prices

Tuesday, effective retroactively from Feb. 23. The price of Minas oil, its marker crude, was cut by \$5 to \$29.53 a barrel.

LONDON (AFP) — Japanese and American buyers, who were behind the sharp 50 percent rise in natural rubber prices since the beginning of the year to recent three-year highs, are having to make greater use of the Singapore market to "top up" their supplies, because of shortages in Thailand and Indonesia, Landell Mills Commodities (LMC), London-based commodity analysts, said in their latest review.

Confusion grips exchanges

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 22 — Both the bullion markets and the exchanges were in a stage of confusion Tuesday after the European Monetary System realignments. Gold moved erratically between \$414 to \$420 an ounce while silver prices were also volatile at the \$10.50 ranges.

But most attention was focused on the repercussions of the EMS realignments in Europe, with the French franc being literally under the microscope. The markets did not seem to like the 2.5 percent devaluation of the franc and expected more to come soon, thus opening the way for further EMS turbulence in the coming weeks. The franc fell to 7.2800 at one stage but seemed to hold steady despite losing a lot of ground since last Friday's 7.00 prices.

The Monday night EMS realignment was criticized as being more political than economic but the German marks' 5.5 percent revaluation seemed to have been accepted. One surprise was the Belgian franc's 1.5 percent revaluation which confused the markets as the Belgian currency was under pressure and expected to devalue.

In the various currency news, the British pound fell to a record new low of 1.4690-1.4710 despite news that the British economy grew by ¼ percent in the third quarter of 1982.

But on the whole, the American dollar seemed once again on the ascendancy with major gains made against the Swiss franc at 2.0790, the Japanese yen at 241.80, and even the German mark at 2.4150 levels. The reason seemed to be based on interest rate expectations with dollar rates once again creeping upward to take the one-year deposit to 10 percent levels and the federal reserve FED fund price lending rate to nearly 9 percent levels.

On the domestic markets, Riyal deposit rates remained strong and the one-month JIBOR was well bid at 8 ¾ percent levels. Spot exchange prices rose sharply to 3.4405-10 levels Tuesday.

The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	419.87
Paris	421.71
Frankfurt	423.01
Zurich	422.50
Hong Kong	418.64

Poor Americans may get surplus food products

WASHINGTON, March 22 (R) — The White House is studying ways to distribute surplus food products to needy Americans, President Reagan said Tuesday.

In remarks to agriculture department employees, Reagan praised an existing program providing surplus cheese and dairy products to thousands of poor Americans and said he had ordered Agriculture Secretary John Block to explore ways of expanding the program to other commodities. "We shouldn't keep agricultural commodities locked up in storage that needy people require and cannot afford," Reagan said. He said first steps had already been taken to make milled rice and cornmeal available.

During the last 14 months, the department has distributed more than 250 million pounds of cheese and other dairy products to 10 million Americans. The surplus food was bought by the government under various farm price support programs and is held in storage. Administration critics condemned the

cheese distribution program when it was first proposed as a half-hearted and inadequate effort to cope with economic hardship in a major recession.

IWC chief warns against trade war

LONDON, March 22 (R) — The executive secretary of the International Wheat Council (IWC) warned Tuesday that a trade war between the United States and the European Economic Community could endanger world economic recovery.

Council Chief Jean-Henri Parotte told a conference organized by *The Financial Times* and the IWC that a dispute over grain could extend into other areas of agriculture and into the industrial sector. "The differences between the United States and the EEC seem to be getting deeper all the time and could lead to the two going their own independent way," he said.

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FIFA may opt for Italy as '86 hosts

PARIS, March 22 (AFP) — The 1986 World Cup football finals could well be staged by Italy, the usually well-informed L'Equipe sports newspaper reported Tuesday.

The International Football Federation's (FIFA) World Cup committee, examining applications from the United States, Canada and Mexico to stage the tournament, might ask for other countries, and not necessarily from the American continent, to make a bid.

The newspaper suggested that FIFA, reportedly dissatisfied, although for different reasons, with the three candidates, has already considered the possibility and Italy, which had already put itself forward as possible hosts for the 1990 tournament were emerging as favorites in such an eventuality.

FIFA's managing committee meets in Stockholm on May 20, ostensibly to name the 1986 hosts, but they could very well call for further applications.

Following the 1982 finals in Spain, it was the turn of the American continent to stage the next World Cup. However, Colombia, the original hosts, declined and debt-ridden Brazil, everyone's favorites for the event, also backed off because of the prohibitive cost.

Meanwhile, France play in front of a home crowd for the first time in four months here on Wednesday night when they face the Soviet Union, their stiffest test since the World Cup finals in Spain last summer.

Two impressive victories away from home in friendly internationals, when they beat the Netherlands 2-1 in Rotterdam and more recently Portugal 3-0 in Guimaraes, have shown that the French are again approaching the kind of form which took them to the World Cup semifinals, and have gone some way to erasing the memory of their two poor performances at the Parc Des Princes late last year.

U.S. swimmer offered \$1m deal

AUSTIN, Texas, March 22 (AP) — University of Texas swimmer Kim Linehan, the world record holder in the 1,500-meter freestyle, has been offered a potential \$1 million to race Australian Tracey Wickham, the world record holder in the 800-meter freestyle, in a series of distance races.

Matilda Promotions, an Australian sports promotion company, has proposed a 1.4 million-dollar package for a series of five freestyle races from 400 to 1,500 meters to be staged in the United States and Australia in August. The winner would receive \$1 million, the loser \$400,000.

If she accepts the contract, Linehan would be ineligible for her senior season at college and the 1984 Olympics. "That's so much money, that, if it's for real, she would have to seriously consider it," said Texas women's swimming coach Richard Quirk. "But I'm not sure it's for real. I'm hopeful for the UT team and the U.S. Olympic team that it isn't."

"Is it a legitimate offer?" said Linehan's father, Dan Linehan. "Right now, I'd have to say it is. But there are some questions."

Whittaker (W) walks to maiden triumph in Jeddah Softball

By Naiche Nedai-Apache

JEDDAH, March 22 — The Whittaker (W) team has not won a game this year, primarily due to a lack of previous experience with the game of softball coupled with rather ineffective coaching. It was thought that things would improve with a new coach and the transfer of D. Ryan out of city, and it has.

This week finally saw them blossom onto victory lane as they downed the league leading Blue Angels, 17-15. The game was dedicated to Fats Domino and his oldie but goodie hit, "I'm Walkin'". The reason? The Blue Angel pitchers accounted for 12 of Whittaker (W) runs throughout the game. As a matter of fact, they walked the first 12 Whittaker (W) hitters.

In the bottom of the fourth inning the Blue Angels were leading 15-13. Whittaker (W) got one hit and two successive Blue Angel pitchers walked in three runs to win the game for Whittaker that had to be called on the time limit rule. (No new inning shall begin in the first game of the evening after one and one-half hours of playing time have elapsed).

The Whittaker (W) team does deserve some credit for some big improvements and real hustle. Their pitcher H. Kanters has been throwing the ball better than ever after some recent private tutoring to change throwing styles. In fielding efforts, the team spark plug, M. Christiani at first base has been of immeasurable help as was the play of shortstop M. Donnelly, second baseman H. Luth and third baseman, J. Van Toen. Strong hitting was supplied by outfielders S.

Strutzman, P. Daniel and most especially, B. Sheehan. This was a real downer for the Blue Angels, but with the likes of L. Medeiros who has some beautiful moves, they are a long way from down or out.

Other Wadi Division action witnessed Safeway Truly Fine climb into first place with their heavy-handed treatment of Hyatt Touch of Class. Later in the week, Mobil (W) hurst the "high again" balloon of Whittaker (W) by punching their ticket, 19-1.

The first game, 4-3, but were unable to duplicate the effort as the little winged fellows won the second one 4-2.

Later in the week the kindly Bees threw aromatic petals and pistols from the hidden folds of their ever so colorful yellow uniforms until the Pratt & Whitney Eagles were unable to take it any longer and rolled over for a "hello" as they lost to those little yellow savages, 16-1. Jim Williams, Billy Townes and John McLeod walked away

The playoffs for the title of Jeddah "Champion" should be extremely interesting to behold. The schedule and playoff method will be announced here on the sports page of the Arab News in the very near future.

In the "B" Division, the up and coming, keep 'em rolling, over the hill and hit the dirt Pan Am maulers continue in the hunt. They recently jumped on PCS so hard the whole team now averages two inches less

Engineers at Raytheon of Friday, 25 March at 8:30 p.m.

Speaking of the Corp of Engineers, they registered a 7-0 win over MOPCI on a forfeit and beat one of the true biggies, but good, 12-4. This lopsided shame was heaped on none other than Raytheon ADL MOPCI, not only lost on a forfeit, they lost to Whittaker. Get this, they lost 21-5. That is not a misprint. If you think that was something, Whittaker also beat Bendix, 12-11. True, MOPCI and Bendix are so far in the cellar most of their players are afflicted with neurosis, however, Whittaker has never won "all" their games in one week in the last several years. Not since the likes of John Canfield, Jim Heart and company stalked the halls of Whittaker U. (Yes, two does constitute the use of "all").

MOPCI, by the way, is not a complete slouch with the likes of Tommy King who helped them to beat up Parsons Daniel, 5-3. Parsons Daniel is a slouch, but more of a winning slouch than a losing slouch as he did grout out a victory over DATAAC, 16-8. KALIA returned to beat a DATAAC team that very nearly has fungus problems, their own by a score of 12-7. PCS, by the way, lost their pugilistic pounding by Pan Am, 10-1. Time out to turn the monster loose on Lockheed II, 9-8. (That's better than always having to wrestle the snake like Jack Lee Martin is obligated to do on his days off).

Lastly, there will be a meeting for all coaches on Wednesday, 6 April 1983 at 7:00 p.m. in the recreation center in the compound of commissioner John Church. More next week.

"A" DIVISION				How they stand			
W	L	Pct		15	10	600	
Killer Bees	23	8	.742	ICAO	13	10	.565
Lockheed I	22	9	.733	Sogex	11	12	.478
Meridian Vets	20	9	.690	Whittaker	6	18	.250
U.S. Beet	18	11	.621	MOPCI	3	18	.143
Fant/Whitney Eagles	4	29	.121				
"B" DIVISION				OASIS LEAGUE			
W	L	Pct		15	7	.720	
Raytheon R&R	20	3	.869	Raytheon ADL	14	9	.609
Pan Am	15	8	.652	Mobil	14	11	.560
				Parsons Daniel	14	13	.519
				Lockheed II	9	14	.391
				KALIA			

The Mobil (W) teams efforts were due to some fine infielding work by their third base star S. Mapes, ably assisted by shortstop H. Teator, second baseman D. Nowak, and first baseman J. Swist. K. Gryczka gave another stellar performance "on the mound".

The "A" Division, it still belongs to anybody. The week started off with the Killer Bees capitalizing on a Meridian Vet error to win it 6-5 in ten long innings. (A little more cheering from Vet fans, Robert Arcena and Ravin might have helped the situation). Two nights later the Killer Bees attacked the U.S. Beet team for a double header and walked away with a bent stinger as they split the two game fare, one each. U.S. Beet won

stunned after the unseemly activity of their opponents resulting in such a barrowing experience, not to mention a loss. The U.S. Beet team also heat the Eagles, however, they had to wait until the final inning before they could pull this one out of their rectitude by a score of 8-6.

The final "A" Division game of the week matched the mighty Alsalam Meridian Vet bats against the gloves of Lockheed I. The Meridian Vets won the game 3-2 on the ability of the Vets to hit monster home runs. The Vets Captain, Jack Graham hit two home runs as outfielder Joe Scheibler contributed one to best the hustling Lockheed I crew by one run. The eventual winner of the "A" Division is still very much undecided.

Bahrain athletes steal thunder in UPM 10-mile

By Jean Grant
Alkhabar Bureau

DHAHRAN, March 22 — Bahrain's national champion, Saad Mubarrak, stole the show in the UPM 10-Mile run last Friday, winning the event with a time of 55 minutes and 57 seconds.

Bahrainis took four of the first six places in the race which drew 170 runners on a cool and windy day. Second was Richard O'Keefe, winner of this year's Dhahran Marathon. O'Keefe and Mubarrak had been running neck and neck until the last lap around the University Stadium when Mubarrak took a sudden lead. O'Keefe came in half a minute later with a time of 56 minutes 28 seconds.

Another Bahraini, Adel Bushara, took third place (57 minutes 34 seconds), while veteran Aramco runner, Eric Owens came fourth. There were no Saudi Arabian runners as the Saudi Provincial Championships were being held last weekend in Riyadh. Bahrain "A" won the team event, followed by Ras Tanura "A" and Bahrain "B".

The course was a difficult one, full of hills and wind. After two laps round the stadium, the racers headed up around the academic buildings on the *jebel* then headed down toward the residential area of the campus, then back up to the *jebel* and the stadium where the final two laps were held.

The race was sponsored by Weatherford Saudi Arabia and Binzagr. The next event on the runners' calendar is the Riyadh 10-Mile Invitational. Teams from Jeddah, Riyadh and the Eastern Province will compete this Friday. On April 1, a half-Marathon will be held at Aramco over a difficult course.



GETTING SET: West Germany is getting set to stage the World Ice Hockey Championships from April 16 to May 2, which will see eight teams fighting it out. The teams are the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Finland, Canada, Italy, East Germany and West Germany. The home team has not at all looked bad in the run up, seen above is Steiger being kept at bay by Czech goalkeeper Lang during the Investia Cup.

KALIA 'B' poised for tennis crown

By Paddy Rogan

JEDDAH, March 22 — With one match to play KALIA 'B', on 74 points, appear to have the Arab News sponsored division of the Jeddah Tennis League all sewn up.

Eleven points behind are Arabian Homes 'B', who having 12 points to play for, and could conceivably close the gap. But for all practical purposes the task seems impossible. They face a determined Alireza 'B' team, which is presently in third place, in the key tussle.

Alireza 'B' have made a remarkable charge up the league table in recent weeks and are a serious threat to the promotion prospects of Arabian Homes 'B'.

The competition for the Saudi Gazette Cup becomes more acute by the match. Letco's

6-3 win over Irregulars puts them seven points behind the leaders Juffali, who also scored a 6-3 victory over Dunes 'B'. The crucial match of the season, however, is next week, when Juffali squares up against Letco.

There is a strong possibility, however, that while the leaders extend each other, Riofinix/BRGM 'A' could slip in and snatch the trophy.

Standings		
DIVISION FOUR		
KALIA 'B'	8	74
Arabian Homes 'B'	8	63
Alireza 'B'	8	54
Petromin/UOP	8	52
Mobil	8	36
AOPC	7	32
Gray Mackenzie	7	21
Riofinix/BRGM 'C'	7	16
Dunes 'C'	7	7

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Oilers slip past Maple Leafs

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — Wayne Gretzky scored a goal and two assists Monday night to lead the Edmonton Oilers to a 4-1 National Hockey League victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs Monday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Darcy Rota scored two goals to equal a Vancouver single-season high of 40 in leading the Canucks to a 7-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Brad Maxwell's goal at 14:5 of the third period, seconds after play had resumed following a bench-clearing brawl, gave the Minnesota North Stars a 4-3 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks. And Aaron Broten notched two third-period goals to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 4-2 win over the New York Rangers.

Meanwhile, Poland trounced Norway 7-1 behind two goals and two assists by Wieslaw Jobczyk in the first match Tuesday of the 10-day Group "B" Championship.

At Tokyo's National Swimming Stadium, where a special rink was set up over the 50-meter (55-yard) pool, Andrzej Nowak scored Poland's first goal at 1:18, followed 31 seconds later with a score by Jerzy Christ. Norway fought back with Ter-Arne Kristiansen's first goal at 6:33 but Poland added two goals by Andrzej Zabawa at 7:07 and Jobczyk at 16:54.

In the second period, Poland extended its lead to 5-1 when Stanislaw Klocek scored at 7:28 while Norway went scoreless. Just after the opening of the third period, Jobczyk scored his second goal in the match and Leszek Jachna added one more at 16:01 to round off the tally.

Eight countries — the United States, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Yugoslavia, Norway, Romania and Japan are competing in the 10-day round-robin contest.

The United States and Yugoslavia already have qualified for the 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia next February and the six other countries are competing here for three Olympic berths. The United States is defending Olympic champion.

In the opening day matches Monday, Japan edged Yugoslavia 3-2 and Norway beat Romania 5-3. Austria meets Switzerland in the second match and the United States takes Yugoslavia in the third match Tuesday.

New Delhi to host Afro-Asian Games

KUWAIT, March 22 (AP) — Officials of African and Asian Olympic bodies have signed an agreement to organize the first Afro-Asian Games in New Delhi in October, Kuwaiti officials announced Tuesday.

They said the pact was signed by Kuwait's Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, head of the Asian Olympic Committee, and Anani Mathia, chairman of the Union of African National Olympic Associations. The signing ceremony was attended by Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee.

The agreement was hailed here as the first high level accord of the Third World countries to "Better the standards of sports and sportsmen," said Sheikh Fahd.

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Saga of the boxing brothers

Sun sets on one, but rises for the other

NEW YORK, March 22 (R) — When Leon Spinks did the "impossible" by taking the world heavyweight boxing title from Muhammad Ali on Feb. 15, 1978 he became a household name overnight.

He surrendered the crown to a 36-year-old Ali seven months after he started his slide into obscurity. But now the name "Spinks" is back at the top in boxing. On Friday night Leon's younger brother Michael became the undisputed light-heavyweight champion of

the world. Michael's victory over fellow-American Dwight Braxton in Atlantic City made him the first undisputed light-heavyweight champion since Bob Foster held the title in 1972. For a long time, Michael had other things on his mind apart from boxing as he tried to be his brother's keeper.

But there was little he — or anyone else — could do to keep Leon from embarrassing himself through his frequent scrapes with the law while squandering his boxing career. Only after Leon's ring disintegration — he was stopped in six rounds by Puerto Rican cruiserweight Carlos de Leon in his last fight — did Michael finally gain recognition.

Both brothers are products of the same St. Louis Ghetto. A place where on New Year's eve, younger brother Leland says, it was advisable to put out the lights, draw the shades and lie on the floor. "And if you lived to see another day you were thankful."

The fighting brothers could hardly be more different. Like Leon, Michael fought his way out of the ghetto, won a gold medal at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and went on to win a world title. But unlike Leon, Michael matured, developed an engaging personality and displayed a deep sensitivity to others.

Michael, who now lives in Philadelphia, trained for the Braxton fight at the Florida School for the Deaf in St. Augustine. Thru the plight of the youngsters there, he grew closer to them by studying sign language. "I want to motivate young people the best I can," Spinks said recently. "I want

to use my success as an example to kids, to show them that they can succeed if they maintain their dreams and work hard like I did."

After winning his first seven pro fights, Michael fought only twice in two years, while spending most of his time chaperoning Leon during his brief heyday as a heavyweight. All the while, Michael's efforts were resisted by Leon's inner circle. "I've seen Leon being mismanaged and getting set up," said Michael. "There were all these people leeching on him, and I told him how they didn't mean any good, a few times he started to come at me and I told him I was telling him these things for his own good. Then we both would cry. We love each other, and we still talk, but we have to do it our own way."

Michael Spinks said he finally was able to savour an inner tranquillity he had never known before when he fell in love with Sandra Massey, a part-time model and dance instructor. They lived together in Philadelphia for more than two years and were planning to get married when Massey was killed in a car accident in early January.

Nowadays, Spinks spends much of his time with their two-year-old daughter, Michelle, while still being haunted by the death. "I dream about Sandy often, and for a while I thought of canceling the fight," he said.

Some people close to Michael have felt that Massey's death could have affected him in his preparation for the biggest fight of his career. But Michael insisted that, while he is still shaken by her death, it was not a factor in his fight against Braxton. Nor, he says, will be he

affected by Leon's downfall as a champion.

Why, the question arises, has Michael been able to cope so much better with life's problems than his older — and, ironically, more famous — brother? "I think I was fortunate to keep my direction," Michael said. "I was fortunate to have a mother who cared and to be blessed with a mind to understand her concern. I've been through a lot, but I have lived as cautiously as I can. 'Life hasn't been a bowl of cherries.'"



Michael ... gets into the focus

Against Van Patten

Lendl rallies from the jaws of defeat

MILAN, Italy, March 22 (AP) — Chip Hooper and Hank Pfister of the U.S. and South Africa's Eddie Edwards scored first round wins in the \$365,000 Cuore Tennis Cup which began here Monday.

Hooper, 24, took two hours and 28 minutes to defeat fellow-American Tim Wilkison in three close sets — 7-6, 2-6, 7-6. Pfister, 29, downed New Zealand's Chris Lewis 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, while Edwards, a 26-year-old from Johannesburg, upset Victor Amaya 7-6, 6-2. Amaya, 28, was troubled by a light leg sprain in the second set, after losing the first set tie breaker 9-11.

Czechoslovak star Ivan Lendl, the top seed and the heavy favorite in the 32-player tournament which lasts through Sunday at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace, rallied to oust American Vince Van Patten 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 in an enthralling tussle.

Other top seeded players, in the run for a \$70,000 first prize bonus in Sunday's final, were Guillermo Vilas of Argentina, Vitas Gerulaitis and Gene Mayer of the U.S. and Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

The most balanced among the early matches was that between Hooper and Wilkison. A 23-year-old left-hander, missed a golden opportunity to defeat Hooper after climbing to a 5-3 lead in the third set. Poised to defeat Hooper, he lost his serve in the 10th game and the decisive tie-breaker 8-6.

In the last match of the night seventh-seeded Sandy Mayer of the U.S. defeated fellow-American Mike de Palmer 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. De Palmer, 21, won the second set tie-breaker 7-4 after Mayer wasted a match point in the 11th game. In the decisive third set Mayer broke the opponent in the ninth game to sail to victory.

Meanwhile, top seed Jimmy Arais missed seven match points Monday before eliminating fellow-American Harold Solomon 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 in the opening day of the \$75,000 Nice Open Volvo Grand Prix Tournament.

Arais was named top seed after France's Yannick Noah withdrew before play began because of a knee injury. Only one other seeded player survived first-round action. Fourth-seeded Pablo Arraya of Peru ousted Italian Claudio Panatta, 6-0, 7-5. Sweden's

Masood stars for Dallah Avco

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 22 — Dallah Avco registered a fluent 72-run victory over Abdullah Hasbim in the Alhusseni-sponsored BMW Cricket League last weekend.

Opting to bat first, Dallah rattled up a respectable 206 for eight with Khalid Masood leading the run riot. He cracked a brisk 63, and along with Javed (38) and Stanman (39) were instrumental in Dallah reaching a big total. Ali Hasnain (three for 23), Nadim (three for 93) and Zahid Ali Khan (two for 63) were the successful bowlers.

Only Hasnain (47) and Saudagar (39) stood up valiantly for Abdullah Hashim's cause against an accurate and sustained Dallah attack. Shankat proved the wreck-in-chief with a haul of five for 53 from Salman (two for 28) and Shahid (two for 21) snapping up the remains, as Abdullah Hashim slid to 134.

Indian Blues also recorded an emphatic win. Their eight-wicket verdict over Saudi British Bank was fashioned by a 75-run

Henrick Sundstrom stunned No. 3 seed Mel Purcell of the U.S. 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, while Spain's Fernando Luna beat No. 6 seed Pat Cash of Australia 6-4, 6-0.

Among unseeded players, American Jim Brown downed France's Jean-Louis Haillet, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3. Frenchman Christophe Casa advanced with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over compatriot Guy Forget. Sweden's Magnus Tudeman defeated Wally Masur 6-3, 6-2, and Juan Avendano of Spain posted a 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 win over Bernard Fritz of France.

opening-wicket association between Jawed (34 not out) and Nasar Azam (46) as the Blues bypassed the Bankmen's meager total of 100 with ease. The Bankmen could muster 100 largely due to a fighting 41 from Usman and a gritty 34 from Ahmed Mohiuddin.

In another action, Jeddah Cricket Club (JCC) scraped up an exciting 31-run triumph over Pak Young. JCC were off to a flying start with Shaheen (60) and Zia (93) sharing a 142-run first wicket partnership. Shaheen's exit, however, did not give Pak Young any respite. For Javed, who filled the breach, slammed a breezy 52 — four sixers and five fours — as JCC raced to a majestic 281 for four. Farrukh (28 not out) and Mustafa Jan's (20 not out) knocks boosted the tally.

Faced with the awesome task of overhauling the JCC tally, Pak Young began confidently. A 125-run opening stand between Humayoun Zaheer (87) and Manzoor (52) put Pak Young on the road to victory. But Humayoun's exit heralded a slump as Jawed broke through with a haul of five for 65. Amjad (29) and Wassem (25) were the other batsmen who ran JCC close.

Indians spin out splendid victory

ST. GEORGES, Grenada, March 22 (AP) — India's varied spin bowling swept the tourists to a comfortable victory by 129 runs over the Windward Islands just after lunch on the final day of the four-day match here Monday.

The Windwards, 35 for two when play began chasing a winning target of 253, never looked like giving India a real fight as the spinners took charge. Left arm spinner Ravi Shastri, off-spinner Venkatraghavan and teenage leg-spinner Sivaramakrishnan swept through the Windwards' batting to give India a morale-boosting win.

Only when Wilf Slack, who top-scored again with 32, and Frederick Thorpe were in the middle did the Windward Island appear to make a fight of it. But Slack and Thorpe went within two runs of each other and there was no more resistance.

Thorpe was the first victim for Shastri, caught at shortleg by Gurusaran Singh who took four catches in that position. Slack, who scored 97 in the first innings, followed soon afterward, stumped by More off Venkatraghavan.

By lunch, the Windwards had slumped to 92 for six and, despite a few lusty blows from tailenders Ignatius Cadette and Thomas Kentish, they only lasted another three-quarters of an hour.

The victory was the second for the Indians on their tour and was a further boost to their morale after their fightback to draw the second Test against the West Indies last week. Their next match is against Guyana over four days in Georgetown starting on Thursday and the third Test against the West Indies starts in Georgetown two days later.

Brief scores: India 182 and 287 beat Windwards 217 and 123 (W. Slack 32, F. Thorpe 14, I. Cadette 15 and T. Kentish 15 n.o.; Shastri 5 for 22, Sivaramakrishnan 2 for 34).

Big roar against roaring machines

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — A decision on a proposed Grand Prix race in Queens has been delayed for at least a month.

An auto-race promoter asked the city Monday for permission to stage the race in a Queens park every year for the next 10 years, but many area residents said it would damage both the park and their neighborhoods.

"The Grand Prix is the zenith of motor sports," Daniel Koren, president of New York Grand Prix, told a city panel. He urged the Concessions Review Committee to allow him to stage the race each year around Meadow Lake in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park.

Koren said an existing asphalt path around the lake would have to be replaced with a 35-foot (10.6 meter) wide asphalt road, and part of the park would be closed to the public for up to three months in the first year so that grandstands and other temporary structures could be erected.

A member of the Concessions Review Committee, set up by New York City Mayor Edward Koch in 1978, said a vote would not be taken until next month's meeting, tentatively scheduled for April 22.

Several people who live in the neighborhoods around the park spoke against the proposed contract, including Alfred Gordon, who said he represented an ad hoc group that in one week has collected 15,000 signatures on a petition against the race.

"This plan for racing Formula One race cars at speeds of up to 160 miles per hour has met an emotional outcry throughout the borough of Queens," Alfred Gordon told the committee.

Toor's team champs

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 22 — M.A. Toor's team comprising J. Fitzgerald, Hisham, Subhan and Nabil won the Team of Four Winter Championship organized by the French Bridge Club here recently.

Toor's team defeated G. Hite-Pratt's team, made up of Y. Hite-Pratt, G. Toubance, P. Monneron, C. Dupot and D. Paucard, in the final scoring 25 Victory Points against 15 by the G. Hite-Pratt team. The championship game was played over two rounds with 32 boards each.

Eight teams, who had participated in the league, were clubbed in two pools of four each. G. Hite-Pratt had made the final by topping Pool 'A' with a tally of 95 Victory Points, while Toor's team emerged tops in Pool 'B' with 103 Victory Points.

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arab news Calendar

TV Programs		
Saudi Arabia	Bahrain Channel 4	Dubai Channel 33
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
1 Facts
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13 Canadian
14 Netherlands
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16 Spanish queen
17 Despicable
19 Anais—
20 Adversaries
21 Photocopy
22 — boy!
23 Harness
24 Roman
25 Helsinki
26 Palace film
27 Baby watcher
28 Porker
29 Pagoda
31 Caesar
32 Relax
35 Whirlpool
36 —
- DOWN
38 Mortise
39 Watched
1 Transaction
2 To go (Fr.)
3 Cary Grant
4 Some
5 Interlaced
6 Candlelit
7 February
8 English
9 Having sound
11 Stories
15 Willow genus
18 "Oz" dog
21 Dismissed
22 District on
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Yesterday's Answer

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soldiers..."

37 Carry on

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is

used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,

apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all

hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

EA UWJ'L RADHAXA HJ

TNACIVLHZI VJU LTCA DWXA

CJLHD VPLAT LNA PHTZL

VLLVSB — ARJAT AZSNBJRVSN

Yesterday's Cryptquote: VIRTUE IS THE STRONG STEM OF

MAN'S NATURE, AND MUSIC IS THE BLOSSOMING OF

VIRTUE.—CONFUCIUS

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Thinking the Unthinkable

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

954

K10

J106

AK862

WEST

AJ82

J73

942

Q105

EAST

Q76

A9842

753

J9

SOUTH

K103

Q65

AKQ8

743

The bidding:

South West North East

10 Pass 24 Pass

2NT Pass 3NT Pass

Opening lead — two of spades.

A long established suit is

usually a welcome sight to the

declarer at a notrump con-

tract, but it is not always the

answer to his needs. There are

times he should look

elsewhere for tricks. For a

good example, consider this

case where a well-intentioned

declarer, attempting to set up

his game-going tricks, lost

sight of the forest for the trees.

He took East's queen of

spades with the king at trick

one and could count seven im-

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I KNOW



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SHORTLY AFTER I ASK THE GENERAL FOR A RAISE



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SINCE WHEN?

SINCE HE WROTE THAT MEMO



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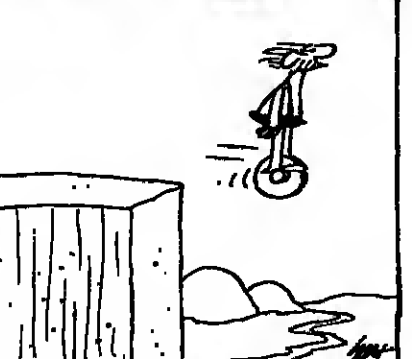
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DO TAXES ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SO COMPLICATED?

OH, MY, NO!



THIS IS OUR NEW SHORT FORM

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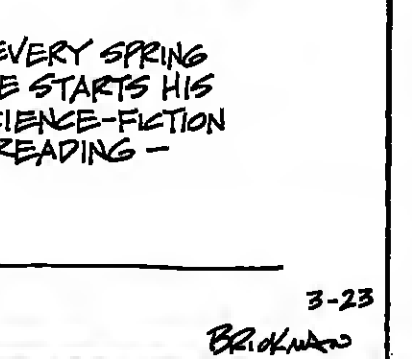
SEED CATALOGS —

HO-BOY!



EVERY SPRING HE STARTS HIS SCIENCE-FICTION READING —

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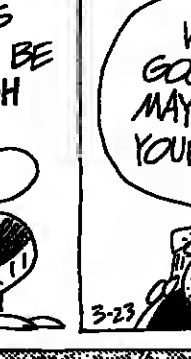
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MAY I SEE YOUR CREDIT CARD, SIR?



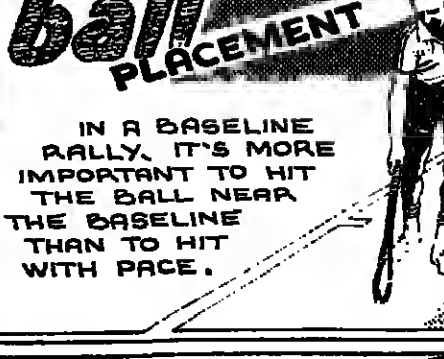
THIS WILL BE CASH

VERY GOOD, SIR... MAY I SEE YOUR CASH?



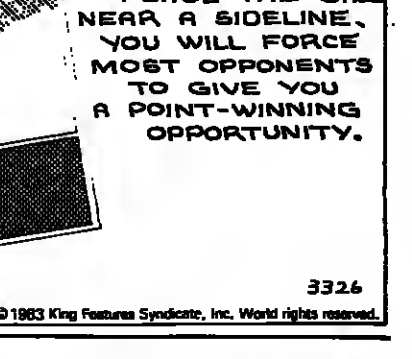
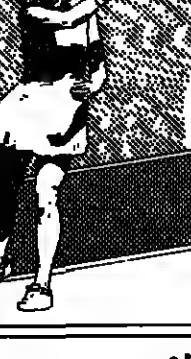
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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Don't insist on your own way with a family member.

Recreational pursuits help to alleviate worry and stimulate you mentally.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

You'll meet some shrewd operators today and would do well to rely on your own research before coming to important decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Finances could be a source of dissension with others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)

Some confusion occurs on the job. A higher-up may be touchy, but can be reasoned with. Wait until the proper moment.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)

You'll have to sort fact from rumor today. Late evening you'll have a clearer perspective. Sidestep clandestine activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Friends and money don't mix favorably today. Some confidential information you receive is to your benefit. Accent discretion.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Care is needed in business transactions today. Some ideas being voiced now are impractical. A loved one is your best confidant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Matters of ethics affect work. Though a co-worker may anger you, you'll see eye-to-eye with a higher-up. Let reason prevail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Some problems may arise in connection with children that

you'll be able to solve by day's end. Enjoy intellectual pursuits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A fighting mood will get you nowhere with a loved one. Avoid temperment and you'll reach a satisfactory agreement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Do your best to minimize distractions on the job. A friend seems like a nuisance, though relations with loved ones go well.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Avoid unfeasible tangents and you'll have success on the job. Make sure that others' instructions are understood by all concerned.

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Finland faces task in cabinet formation

HELSINKI, March 22 (R) — Finland's political parties and president Tuesday faced difficult and probably lengthy talks on the formation of a government following the general elections which left the shape of a new coalition undecided.

Only the Social Democrats and the small, maverick Rural Party made significant gains the vote which ended Monday. The Social Democrats, with five new seats, making their total 57, remained the largest party in the 200-member parliament but were unlikely to be able to form a government alone.

And political analysts said it was difficult to see how the nationalist Rural Party, which snatched 17 seats compared with its previous six apparently in a protest vote against other parties, could be included in a coalition.

The analysts said President Mauno Koivisto, who has considerable say in the formation of a coalition, is faced with a tough task. As president he is responsible for maintaining Helsinki's delicate relations with the Soviet Union and must ensure that Finland has a stable government with a working majority.

Political commentators said the president would probably have to intervene more firmly than expected to force the parties to work together. The big surprise of the vote was the failure of the moderate conservative National Coalition Party to make the sweeping gains predicted for it. It lost two seats to end up with 44. The party had been hoping for a good showing to put it in a strong bargaining position after almost 17 years in opposition.

The Communists and centrists, who have effectively excluded the conservatives from government on the grounds that this would upset Moscow, also suffered losses which analysts said would weaken their bargaining position.

Czechs in Angola safe, says UNITA

PRAGUE, March 22 (AFP) — The 64 Czechoslovak captives taken ten days ago by the rebel Angola UNITA movement are alive and well, the Communist Party daily *Rude Pravo* said here Tuesday. The paper quoted a report from UNITA sent to the Czechoslovak authorities through the International Red Cross, which said none of the prisoners had been killed or injured.

However *Rude Pravo* noted again that 66 Czechoslovak workers were employed at Alto Cumbela in southwestern Angola before their capture, but UNITA only mentioned 64. The paper had already expressed concern over the missing two last week.

Mugabe can't 'decapitate' ZAPU, Nkomo asserts

LONDON, March 22 (AP) — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, who recently fled his homeland, said Monday that Prime Minister Robert Mugabe can't "decapitate" his political party by violence.

In an interview on the British Broadcasting Corporation's Panorama program, the leader of the opposition Zimbabwe African People's Party reiterated that his stay in Britain was temporary and he would be "going home." He did not say when he would return.

The 50-minute television program focused on recent allegations that government troops have massacred, raped and tortured villagers in Matabeleland, homeland of the minority Ndebele tribe and Nkomo's stronghold.

The program included interviews with unnamed villagers who claimed that soldiers from the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, whose troops are from the dominant Shona tribe, murdered their innocent relatives, and even two schoolchildren.

Correspondent Jeremy Paxman said many people in Matabeleland believe it is a tribal issue. But Nkomo replied: "It is a mistake for anybody to believe that the Shona have organized against the Ndebele. This is not so."

Nkomo said he told Mugabe when the Fifth Brigade was formed outside the national army "that it could be a political party army and this possibly is what it is, not a tribal issue as such."

Asked whether the alleged massacres were an attempt by Mugabe, who has advocated a one-party state, to decapitate ZAPU,

Argentina gets Meko destroyers

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, March 22 (AP) — The first of four "Meko" class destroyers Argentina ordered from West Germany arrived Monday. The 3,300-ton vessel is powered by British-built Rolls-Royce engines and is equipped with eight French-made Exocet missiles like the ones Argentina used to sink British ships in last year's Falkland Islands War.

The official Argentina news agency Telam said the ship, the *A.R.A. Brown*, arrived at the Bahia Blanca naval base 690 kilometers south of here following a 27-day Atlantic crossing.

Telam said the surface-to-surface Exocet 40 missiles were installed during a stop in Brest, France. Argentine naval pilots flying French-built Super-Etendards used air-to-surface Exocets last year to sink the British destroyer *Sheffield* and the transport vessel *Atlantic Conveyor*.

The West German Blohm and Voss shipyard is obliged by a 1978 contract to deliver three more Meko class destroyers to Argentina before March 1984. The second, the *A.R.A. Argentina*, is reportedly completed and being tested prior to delivery.

Britain, which won the 74-day conflict over the Falklands, lifted last September the embargo on delivery to Blohm and Voss of Rolls-Royce engines to be used in the Argentine vessels. Britain retains an embargo on the direct sale of Argentine ships.

Nkomo said: "It may be so... If it is so, it's a problem that we should look into and see that it doesn't happen because it is not possible for Mr. Mugabe or anybody else to decapitate a party like ZAPU just that way by using violence."

"If one wants to have a one-party state, I don't think it would be the right thing to go about it in a violent manner because you will not win the hearts of the people," Nkomo said.

Six aides cleared of treason

HARARE, March 22 (AFP) — Six out of seven former guerrilla commanders under Zimbabwean opposition leader Joshua Nkomo were cleared of treason charges Tuesday. But Judge Hillary Squire ruled in the Zimbabwe High court that the seventh, Dumiso Dabengwa, will have to answer charges of plotting against state security.

All seven defendants still face trial on charges of illegal possession of arms. Apart from Dabengwa, former intelligence chief of Nkomo's pre-independence ZIPRA guerrilla army, the accused include Look-out Masuku, (former ZIPRA commander in chief and later deputy commander of the Zimbabwean National Army) and Isaac

"If Mugabe wanted that, the best thing to do is to organize, to win the hearts of the people and show that he can do for them and not to shoot them into submission," he said.

Asked how much ZAPU had suffered at the hands of the Fifth Brigade, Nkomo said: "Quite a lot. We've lost quite a number of people, some of them top people in the party and I almost lost my life myself. You can see how serious it is."

Nyathi (once representative of Nkomo's ZAPU Party in East German).

The judge said that none of the defendants, with the exception of Dabengwa, could be guilty of treason as their alleged offenses were committed before independence. They were acting not against an established government but against the rival ZANLA guerrilla army of Robert Mugabe, now Zimbabwean prime minister.

On the other hand Dabengwa is accused of seeking aid from the Soviet Union against British, U.S. and South African intrigues and attacking Mugabe's "pro-Western" stance in a letter to the Soviet intelligence service, the KGB, dated April 1980, after independence.

12 Poles land for Swedish asylum

KRISTIANSTAD, Sweden, March 22 (AFP) — Twelve Poles who arrived here Monday after flying an old crop-spraying plane across the Baltic Sea have a good chance of being granted political asylum, an immigration service spokesman said.

The fugitives — four men, four women and four children — have asked Swedish authorities to keep their names and hometowns secret to avoid reprisals against relatives left behind in Poland. (The Polish news agency, PAP, said they were from a village near the Baltic town of Slupsk, west of Gdansk, and that they had stolen an Antonov-2 plane from a farm service company.)

The escapees told a press conference that heavy fog along the Polish coastline had covered their getaway. On the plane's radio they picked up Polish and Russian voices which indicated their flight had been noticed, but they saw no aircraft coming in pursuit.

TV film angers American viewers

NEW YORK, March 22 (AP) — Viewers across the United States reacted with panic and outrage as they watch the city of Charleston, South Carolina, "destroyed" in a realistic television drama about the terrorist use of nuclear weapons.

One viewer said she was so frightened by the NBC network's *Special Bulletin* on Sunday night that she had to take tranquilizers. Others phoned in bomb threats or fears, and some worried that a realistic drama about nuclear weapons threats could inspire real-life terrorists.

"A lot of people are scared," said telephone operator Ed Wash at San Francisco's

After flying near water level — which may have permitted them to evade Swedish radar — they made a forced landing in a field here near the southern tip of Sweden. Their craft was almost out of gas. They said they had lost their way after passing over the Danish island of Bornholm, and did not know at first whether they had landed in Denmark, West Germany or Sweden.

A little dog smuggled aboard the plane by one of the children was put in quarantine. Kristianstad is about 240 kilometers from the northernmost part of Poland.

Last Feb. 8, two Polish soldiers landed a helicopter on a small island off the southern coast of Sweden. The two were granted asylum and their aircraft was returned to Polish military authorities. A group of 20 Poles, including 15 members of the banned trade union Solidarity, fled to Sweden last October, landing in Malmö in a government-owned crop-dusting plane.

Kron-TV, which received 50 calls during the two-hour program's first 45 minutes. "One woman called and said 'why do you give all this time to terrorism on TV?'"

Both before and during the show, CBC broadcast numerous warnings to viewers that it was a fictional film.

The movie showed a fictional TV network responding to a threat by an anti-nuclear group aboard a tugboat in the harbor at Charleston to detonate a bomb as powerful as the one that destroyed Hiroshima, Japan. They demand as "ransom" that the American government disarm 964 nuclear warheads in the Charleston area.

Reagan tries to defeat House bid on defense cut

WASHINGTON, March 22 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan was marshaling his forces to try and defeat a budget plan being advanced in the House of Representatives that would cut his military buildup in half.

The budget plan advocated by the opposition Democratic Party is due to come up for debate Wednesday. Reagan was holding three meetings Tuesday with members of his Republican Party in the House, following two similar sessions on Monday.

House Republican leader Robert Michel said he told Reagan Monday that Democrats probably would win. Michel said Reagan replied, "You've got to go out there and make the best fight you can."

House Democrats hope to win approval of a budget that would slow down Reagan's military buildup.

"It's a long haul. We could lose," said White House spokesman Larry Speakes.

Michel predicted Reagan will "have something significant to say" on military spending in a speech Wednesday night. Speakes said it is in the works but not definitely scheduled. Sources indicated Reagan's address would go beyond the Democratic budget, and involve other national security issues as well.

The White House is waging a come-from-behind battle to build support in Congress for the MX missile and to defeat a nuclear freeze resolution. Beyond that, the administration is on the defensive about increased aid to El Salvador and U.S.-Soviet arms negotiations.

To marshal support for Reagan's proposals, his administration is conducting a series of classified briefings for congressmen in the White House on the Soviet military buildup, featuring aerial photography of Soviet installations.

Next week, the administration plans to begin a series of dinners for opinion leaders, such as publishers, labor leaders and others, who will hear briefings on national security topics from secretary of State George P. Shultz, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan.

The Democratic budget resolution calls for \$863.5 billion in federal spending for fiscal 1984, compared to Reagan's \$848.5 billion.

Poland invites pope

WARSAW, March 22 (R) — Poland Officially invited Polish-born Pope John Paul to visit his homeland from next June 16 to 22, saying his trip would be for the good of the country. The invitation from head of state Henryk Jablonski was published by the official news agency PAP on Monday.

The Communist government and Polish church authorities announced March 9 they had agreed dates for the pope's visit, but Monday night's statement was the first word of the official invitation.

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or any Gulf country," he said. "Such action would precipitate an all out war between Iran and the Arabs. The war will continue to be one of attrition until the Iranians change their views."

Asked whether it is time for parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict to take quick decisions, the crown prince replied that, "we do not want to interfere with what concerns our Palestinian brothers. The Arab situation since 1948 should be reviewed and the positive and negative aspects weighed," he said. "I believe that after this is done we will be capable of taking a decision that will serve us in the future."

Referring to relations with Egypt, the crown prince said that Egypt is a sisterly country and any tension that existed ended with the death of the late President Anwar Sadat.

"I believe that if the Arab world were to ask Egypt to do the impossible, then the time is not ripe to exchange ambassadors, but if the Arab world is prepared to appreciate Egypt's stance and circumstances, then the time is ripe to do so."

"I believe that relations between Egypt

and the Arab world are excellent and the steps to follow will take time to convince both those who are for restoring relations and those who are against it that what they are about to embark on is the right thing to do."

Although Saudi Arabia plays a part in nonaligned conferences, the crown prince said that King Fahd did not attend the recent conference in New Delhi due to previous engagements and obligations.

"I cannot distort facts and say that this was due to the events in Assam," he said. "Naturally, neither King Fahd nor I were personally happy about the way the Muslims were treated there. The King actually intended to attend the conference but the commitments kept him from attending."

The crown prince said that rumors about impediments on a national security level which postponed the King's visit were totally false.

Throws

dom was of a political organization at the time of the late King Faisal and at the beginning of his rule when the Arab world was in a state of chaos.

"Since then, the Kingdom saw nothing of what may be described as a plot to overthrow the regime," he said.

Abdullah said there were some arrests recently involving a small number of people, but they were related to smuggling in which banned drugs were discovered.

"Those interested in giving matters a character suited to their own liking interpret things as they please, not as they really are," he said. "Although the world is witnessing a lot, I can say that the Saudi Arabian society is different from others."

"I have experienced this kind of psychological wars and rumors and some of them touched on me personally," the crown prince said. "When I recently left for Iraq on an unannounced visit, much was said at the time about my absence."

"Even on one of my ordinary visits to the central hospital for a routine checkup it was interpreted by some sources as if I had been exposed to a shooting incident. We hear much of this," he said, "but it has no effect at all on national security because the nature of our society is different from others and even the role of the Kingdom is different from others."

When asked about rumored disturbances in the Eastern Province which had been said to be caused by the demolishing of a Shiite mosque, the crown prince said that nothing of the sort had happened. He said the Shiites were citizens and have every right to enjoy the social justice of all. He said that a visit to the Eastern Province would reveal for once and all that the mosque is still there.

Soviet

tance fighters attacked the city's main telegraph and telephone center and killed four government troops.

In a related development, the president of Afghanistan's national airline was assassinated last weekend at his home in Kabul, a Western diplomatic source said here Tuesday.

Details surrounding the reported death of Ariana Airlines head Sayed Baba remained sketchy, but he apparently was shot to death Saturday night at his apartment in the Micro Rayan area of Kabul. He was buried the next day, said the report from the source, who asked not to be identified. The Micro Rayan area is the heavily guarded compound where many Soviets live.

Kabul was rife with rumors over the weekend as to the motive behind Baba's assassination, the report said.

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